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Taipo dep.	7.17	7.44	9.09	9.52	11.03	12.34	1.52	5.08	6.03	7.45
Taipo Market dep.	7.22	7.49	9.24	9.57	11.08	12.38	1.56	5.12	6.07	7.49
Fanling dep.	7.33	7.60	9.35	10.08	11.19	12.49	2.06	5.23	6.17	7.59
Sheung Shui dep.	7.38	7.65	9.40	10.13	11.23	12.52	2.10	5.27	6.21	8.03
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Shum Chun dep.	8.09	8.36	10.11	10.44	11.54	13.22	2.36	5.53	6.47	8.29
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Yau Ma Tei dep.	8.39	9.06	10.41	11.14	12.25	13.52	3.06	6.23	7.17	8.59
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[BY G. M. GREEN IN THE "N. C. DAILY NEWS."]

One of the loveliest of China's paintings of Canton in the early days of European visitation presents a dignified old hong merchant, seated beside a bowl of goldfish, wearing a rich fur and lined robe. So is the first of one's misconceptions of Canton dispelled. We in the north are wont to think of it as eternally tropical, an unrelieved exhibition of white ducks and cold drinks. Seldom have I been so cold as when landing there on a recent December morning. The sky was a brilliant blue, flooded with red sunshine and a penetrating north wind, and one of the most vivid mental pictures that I carry away is of a British blue-jacket on one of the gunboats, with crisped hands and chattering teeth, struggling against a strong impulse to dance a collar-flap, or its nautical equivalent, as he waited for the Commander's "campan" to come alongside. "When roasted crabs hiss in the bowl" is a more appropriate thought than cold drinks on a December morning in Canton.

The other misconception deals with the appearance of Shameen. Among all stories heard of it, one never remembered anybody mentioning its prettiness. Yet this is the first and abiding impression. One had been told of its intense, stagnant heat in summer time, of its smallness, no bigger than the Shanghai race course and recreation ground, and of the smells from the creek which makes it an island. No one had ever described its spreading trees and bright flowerbeds, the lawns that stretch continuously between the rows of dignified houses, its trim cleanliness and (for all it is so little) its spacious calm. But that the foliage is of a sub-tropical kind, Shameen must be an English domestic, partitioned up in homes for the well-to-do and cultured. There is no traffic, no Chinese except house servants are allowed to live on Shameen and the only vehicles are perambulators and the bicycles on which the island's four exchange brokers ply their gentle calling.

ANY OLD TIME.

It seems ridiculous to associate thoughts of business with so pretty a place; and this feeling is intensified by the genial readiness of those on whom one shed the traveller's visiting card, to quit their loungers and codes and bid one welcome.

It is a prevailing characteristic of those who live long in the interior of China, witness to her mysterious power of assimilating her conquerors, that, like the Chinese, they lose all sense of time. And if I mention this also as a feature of life in Canton, I trust I shall not be thought lacking in courtesy, for it is one that all other ports display. Moreover, it has its advantages.

When, for instance, being invited to lunch somewhere about one o'clock, you arrive breathless at a quarter to two, having hastened along the Bund that the very dogs cease from rolling in the sunshine to turn inquiring eyes upon you, it is pleasant to find your host smoking tranquilly on his verandah and to be assured that "this is absolutely the right time, my dear fellow, no need for apologies." How pleasant too, to be able to order the last cocktail before dinner at nine o'clock and no one the worse for it, not even the cook's temper. And if, coming out from a club ball at 1.30 a.m., you feel that the moment has now come to call upon the family that enshrines the lady of your heart, how comforting to feel that the visit will be received in exactly the same spirit as it is tendered and no one to think of looking at the clock; if indeed there is such a thing in the house.

THE SOCIAL SIDE.

The hospitality of the Far East is proverbial. But to experience it at its best one must go to one of the smaller ports. Unkind persons like the author of "On a Chinese Screen," who returned the kindness of his hosts by writing a book about them of which he ought to be ashamed, may say that communities of interior China get so bored with their own society that a stranger is almost a boon. Which nasty cynicism I do not believe in any case, least of all of Shameen. Besides, they have no apparent reason to be bored. Their ample lawns are laid out in football ground and tennis courts; there is a golf course on the railway enclosure, within easy distance for a half holiday; and the city is the scene of continual gaieties during the cool half of the year. It contains a beautiful little stage for concerts and theatricals and an excellent dancing floor where tea dances take place twice or thrice a week, to the music of a specially imported Filipino band.

Above all (though hardly to be associated with social festivities) there is the library, reputed the best in China. These rooms, in particular, make one envious, thinking of the mean and pinched abode of our own library. There are books inherited from the age of the Fan Kwai; modern books, papers and periodicals and easy chairs for those who like to browse along the well-displayed shelves; quaint old maps of the days when "Shanghai" was still more or less a geographical expression. Altogether a striking testimony to the fact that a life of markets and bills of lading may still leave time for broader interests and that a man may be no worse a merchant for knowing somewhat of Shakespeare and the musical glasses.

No doubt life has its disadvantages in Shameen. It is a strange instance of man's contradictions that we who pen furious letters to the editor about the state of the tram and are reduced to a chronic condition of nervous irritation by the blare of motor-horns and screaming of launches, begin, after a few days of absence, to feel a positive hunger for the restless, thrusting activities of Shanghai. Also, no doubt, even into these smaller communities the serpent

may glide, between the palms and banana, although, as one resident quaintly put it, "There can't be any gossip or scandal in Shameen because we all live in each other's pockets."

ON AN ALIEN SHORE.

But to say that is merely to recognize that human nature is much the same all the world over; and if village community isolation throws into apparent prominence certain weaknesses less visible in the maze of city life, it also most surely develops the better side.

It is observable that cats, which in Western lands attach themselves rather to places than to persons, in China exhibit unsuspected need of human companionship. They will move readily with the family on which they bestow their favours from one house to another and are visibly dejected when the children go to mountains or sea for the summer. It is as if they realized their community with the white man, ever the animals' best friend, and clung the closer to him in the surrounding surge of teeming Orientals.

So, too the Westerner living in China, cut off from his own kith and kin, on a continent which he was never designed by Nature to inhabit, must draw the nearer to his fellow man, is the readier to welcome a guest, the more reluctant to let him go, generous with testimonials on his departure and with subscriptions for his widow and children when death discovers his impunctuality. In no part of the Far East would these traditions be more naturally, nor are they more scrupulously, preserved than at Canton, birthplace of all foreign dealings in China, where the names of certain hongs, still to be found on the doorplates, awake memories of the imprisoned splendours of factory days.

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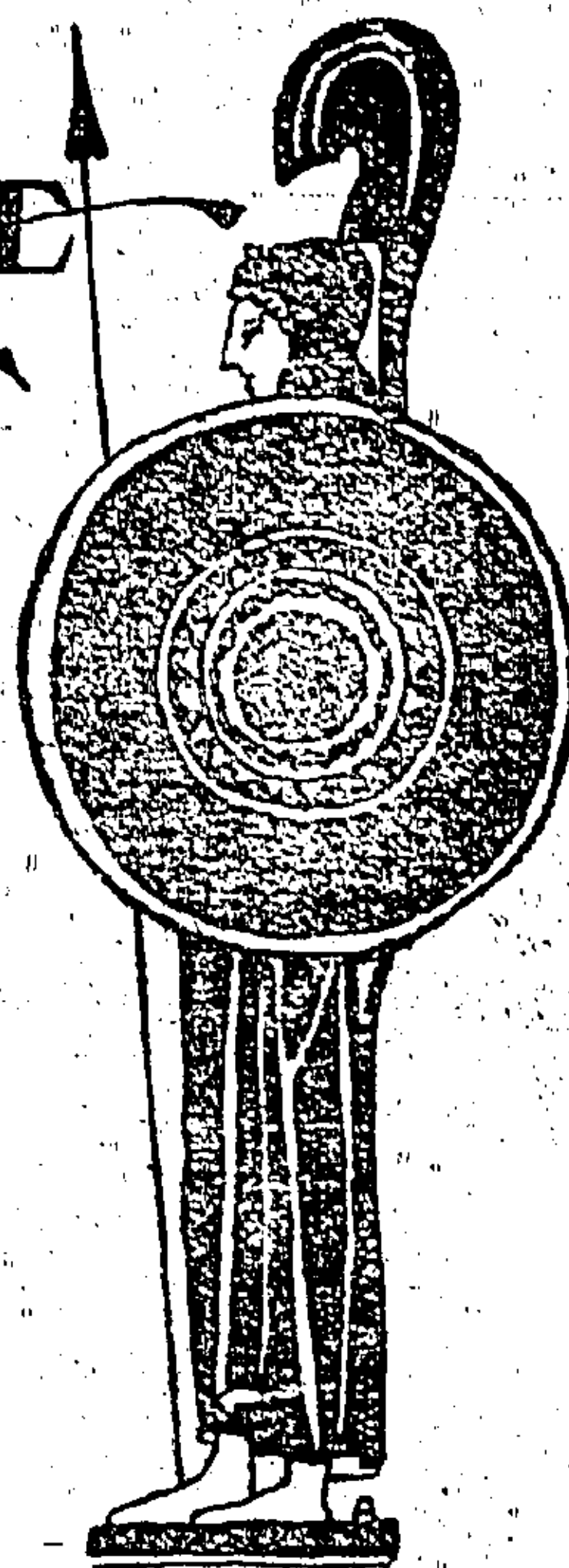
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COMPANY MEETING.
THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LTD.

The fifth ordinary general meeting of the China Light and Power Company (1918), Ltd., was held at the offices of the General Managers (Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co.) yesterday morning. Mr. W. Adamson presided, and there were also present: Mr. G. W. Barton, A. H. Compton, C. A. da Rosa, and Mr. Leo Hysan (Consulting Committee), Mr. S. F. Chubb (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. R. G. Shewan, H. H. Taylor, A. L. Shields, A. A. Botelho, Tong Hok-ting, Tse Tsan-tai, J. Topping, F. Farrant, F. J. Tavares, J. H. Donnit-house and A. A. Cordeiro.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen,—The statement of accounts for the twelve months ending the 30th September, 1923, has been in your hands for some days and, following the usual procedure, I will, with your permission, take them as read. The income for the period covered by the accounts is \$390,152.21 as compared with \$286,657.92 for the previous twelve months which, I think, you will agree is very satisfactory. The balance at credit of profit and loss account is \$234,721.79 and we propose to deal with this sum by placing \$25,000.00 to good will thus closing this account in our books, paying a dividend of 50 cents on the old shares, and 40 cents on the new shares, and 40 cents on the new shares to the proportion due them from the date upon which the instalments on these shares were paid.

In reviewing the dividend it has to be borne in mind that the capital of the Company has been doubled since we last met. Our business, I am glad to say, continues to grow steadily, and though I cannot hold out the hope that the increase in the current twelve months will be as large as in the period under review, I am confident that when this meeting is held next year the shareholders will have no cause for complaint.

It is unnecessary to draw the attention of local shareholders to the rapid development of Kowloon, but non-residents interested in our Company will doubtless be glad to learn that this development is likely to continue for a good many years to come. The future calls for light and power have our constant attention and full provision has been, and will continue to be made for all demands that are likely to be made upon us. I now propose the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. A. A. Botelho seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. On the motion of Mr. F. FARRANT, seconded by Mr. F. J. TAVARES, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. A. H. Compton, G. W. Barton, C. A. da Rosa and Leo Hysan were re-elected to the Consulting Committee.

Messrs. Linstead and Davies and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$400 each on the motion of Mr. Tse Tsan Tai, seconded by Mr. Topping.

This was all the business before the meeting.

HARBOUR TRAGEDY.
EUROPEAN SKIPPER FOUND SHOT IN HIS CABIN.

Captain Alfred Newby, master of the a.s. *Wing Tat*, was found dead in his cabin early yesterday morning with a bullet wound in his head. A revolver was discovered in the deceased's lap. The police believe the case to be one of suicide.

The late Capt. Newby was well-known in Hongkong. He was a popular member of the Victoria Recreation Club, and when ashore in Hongkong took an active interest in the affairs of that institution. He had been running in and out of Hongkong in charge of various vessels for the last ten years and was well-known on the coast. His vessel returned from Kowloon on the 15th inst., and it was then reported that the ship was commandeered by soldiers at Kowloon and held by them for several days. On her arrival here she took up her usual anchorage off Sham Shui Po and since then and up to the time of the tragedy Captain Newby spent much of his time ashore. On the day previous to the tragedy, he went ashore and told his boy that if anybody called for him he was to say the Captain was asleep in his cabin. In the afternoon he returned to the ship and at 8 o'clock was asleep in his cabin. At 10.30 p.m. Captain Newby called his boy and asked him to re-make his bed. The boy then noticed that Captain Newby had not been well, and he is of opinion that Captain Newby had been drinking heavily and he was in a very nervous condition.

On the following morning when the boy called Captain Newby at 8.30 he found him very cheerful. Addressing the servant, he said: "Good morning, Joe. What are we going to do to-day?" The boy replied that he thought the Captain had to go ashore to get the licences for the guns. The Captain replied: "All right," and the servant left the cabin to prepare the breakfast. On returning to the cabin about five minutes later, he found the Captain sitting in his bamboo chair with his head inclining over the right-hand side and blood dripping from a wound in it. He immediately called other members of the crew, and it was then noticed that a revolver was lying in Captain Newby's lap.

The commanders located the police flag and shortly afterwards Sub-Inspector Bond, of the Water Police, went on board and ordered the removal of the body to the mortuary. Captain Newby, who was 55 years of age, was buried yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley Cemetery, a number of members of the Victoria Recreation Club and of the China Coast Officers' Guild being present at the obsequies. It is understood that Captain Newby leaves a widow and children at home.

SPORT.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. 1st XI. v. UNIVERSITY (L.).

The following team will represent the H.K.C.C. on Saturday on their own ground v. the University (L.) at 3.15 sharp:—T. E. Pearce (capt.), A. A. Claxton, E. J. R. Mitchell, E. A. Webster, H. Owen Hughes, G. R. More, E. G. Lammert, A. V. T. Dean, E. G. England, M. M. Maas and J. P. Bridger.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. UNIVERSITY (L.).

In this match at the University ground at 2.15 p.m., to-morrow, the H.K.C.C. team will be composed of H. A. Hollands (capt.), E. C. Hagen, C. B. Baron, G. H. Fiery, H. Griffin, D. Reid, W. M. MacKenzie, A. K. Mackenzie, E. D. Black, D. E. G. Nicholson and W. Brackenridge.

H.K.C.C. "A" TEAM v. CRAIGEN-GOWER "A."

The following have been selected to represent the H.K.C.C. "A" team against the Craigen-gower "A" on the latter's ground to-morrow, at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—D. H. F. McIlmaster (capt.), L. D. McNeill, R. M. Macalpine, H. H. Taylor, P. Jacks, C. T. Fowie, J. Hancock, A. D. Armstrong, D. J. Allfree, A. L. Sutton and A. Stevens.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.

On Christmas day, commencing at 2.30 p.m., and on Boxing day, commencing at 10.15 a.m., the following team will represent the Club against the United Services:—H. R. B. Hancock (capt.), T. E. Pearce, A. A. Claxton, G. R. Sayer, E. D. Reed, Rev. E. K. Quick, R. E. A. Webster, H. Owen Hughes, G. R. More, E. G. Lammert and A. C. I. Bowber.

SHANGHAI INTERPORT TEAM v. THE REST.

On Saturday, commencing at 2.15 p.m., and on New Year's day, commencing at 10.15 a.m., the following teams will play in the match Last Shanghai Interport Team v. The Rest:—

Last Shanghai Interport Team:—T. E. Pearce (capt.), G. R. Sayer, A. A. Claxton, Rev. E. K. Quick, A. E. Wood, H. Owen Hughes, A. A. Rumjahn, H. N. Belhatchet, U. M. Omar, Capt. E. R. S. Dods and H. E. Hollands.

The Rest:—H. R. B. Hancock (capt.), R. E. O. Bird, R. E. A. Webster, E. P. Reed, F. J. R. Mitchell, B. D. Evans, G. F. More, E. G. Lammert, F. J. de Rome, A. C. L. Gage and A. J. L. Bowker.

FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. 1st XI. v. H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

The following will represent the Club 1st XI in their 1st division League match with H.M.S. *Hawkins* on the Navy "A" ground, Happy Valley, to-morrow (kick-off, 4 p.m.):—J. Mimmack, W. Gerrard and C. E. Bishop; A. Mair, J. Stewart and J. W. R. McPhail; G. Watson, A. S. Forsyth (capt.), H. G. Howard, S. D. Begg and G. Angus.

H.K.F.C. 2nd XI. v. SACRED HEART.

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI in their 2nd division League match with the Sacred Heart on the Club ground to-morrow (kick-off, 2.30 p.m.):—W. Barr, D. Lyon and S. Garrod; J. Gardiner, A. Ferguson and A. Roberts; R. Bell, W. Stewart, E. W. Bailton (capt.), G. T. May and J. Douglas. Reserves: A. P. Paul and R. W. Williamson.

KOWLOON F.C. 1st XI. v. H.M.S. "TITANIA."

The following team has been selected to represent the Kowloon F.C. in their League match against H.M.S. *Titania* to-morrow on St. Joseph's ground at 4 p.m.:—F. Wheeler, J. Morton and T. L. Knight; J. Leonard, J. McKelvie and H. G. Wheeler; K. Mason, C. Millard, A. Latham, B. Pasco and A. Duncan. Reserve: E. Cooke.

KOWLOON F.C. 2nd XI. v. EAST SURREY RES.

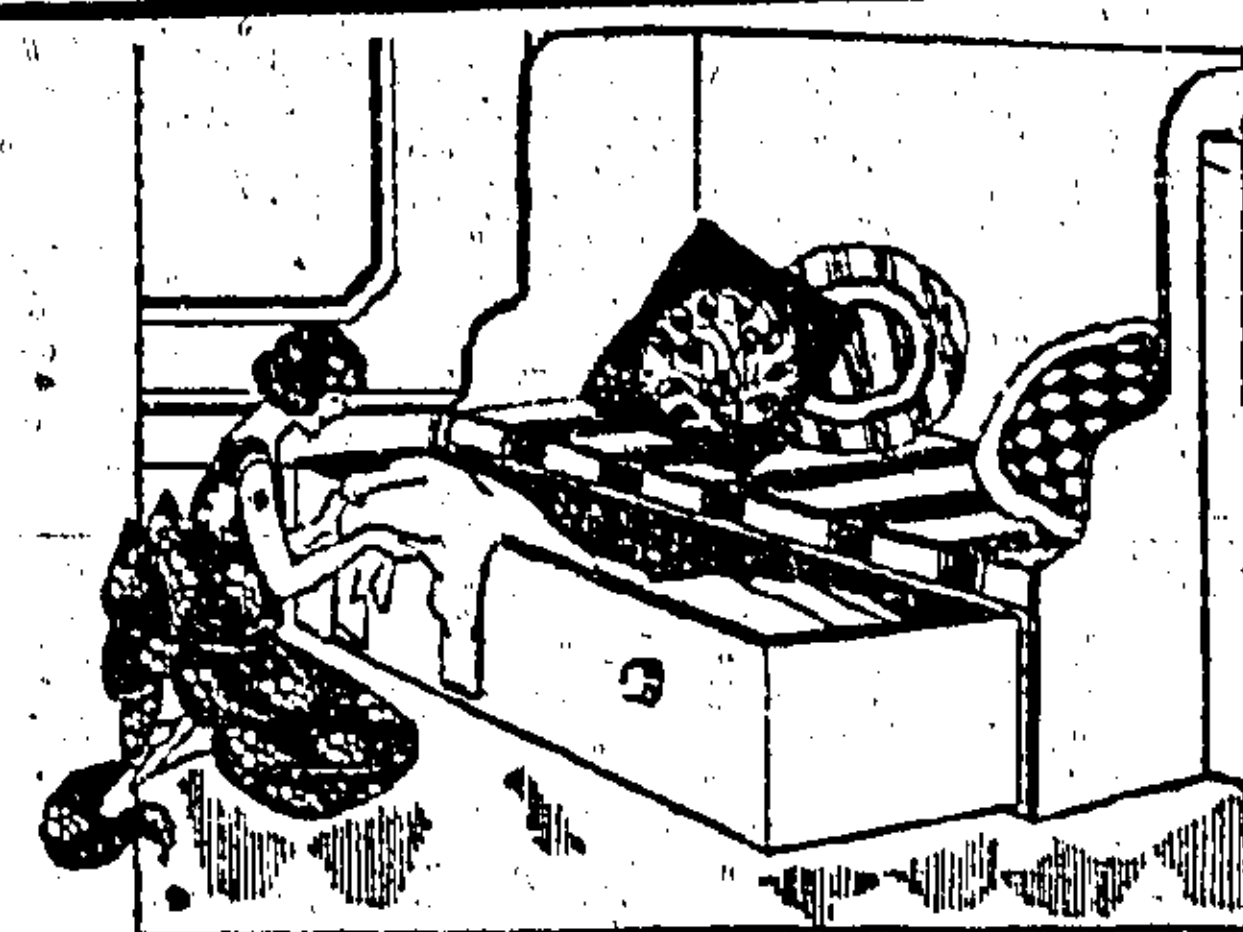
In this League match to-morrow at 2.30 p.m., Kowloon, playing at home, will be represented by J. Beach; F. Ollier and D. Urquhart; S. Randle, S. Sibley and B. Rasmussen; V. Hast, B. Vickers, W. H. Brown, A. Spary and B. T. Haylock. Reserves: L. H. Taylor and S. Chapman.

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HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday. There were present:—
His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (Sir R. E. STUBBS, K.C.M.G.).
His EXCELLENCY THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING THE TROOPS (Major-General Sir JOHN FOWLER, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.).
Hon. Sir CLAUDE SEVERN, K.B.E., C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).
Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP, K.C., C.B.E. (Attorney-General).
Hon. Mr. McI. MESSER, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer).
Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIDAY, C.B.E. (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).
Hon. Mr. E. A. IRVING (Director of Education).
Hon. Mr. H. T. CRESSY (Director of Public Works).
Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.
Hon. Mr. A. O. LANG.
Hon. Mr. CHOW SHOU-SUN.
Hon. Mr. A. R. LOWE.
Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTTEWALL.
Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT.
Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAKE.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

FINANCE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. The Governor, laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 108 to 112, and an additional Financial Minute relating to the redistribution of unexpended balances of Public Works Department votes, for the year 1923, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. The Governor, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 14) and moved that it be adopted.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE HOLIDAYS ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Holidays Ordinance, 1912.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The Council then resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause. The Bill passed through the Committee stage without amendment, and on the Council resuming, the third reading was carried, and the Bill passed into law accordingly.

LAW RELATING TO OPIUM.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Opium.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

On clause 21 (3), which provides that if any ship is proved to have been used for the conveyance of opium, the owners, agents and master shall be deemed to have contravened the provisions of the Ordinance unless it is proved, to the satisfaction of the Magistrate, that every reasonable precaution has been taken to prevent the unlawful use of such ship, and that none of the officers or of their servants, or of the crew, of such ship were implicated therein.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. LANG said: Your Excellency, in section 3 I beg to suggest that the following words be omitted: "And that none of the officers or of their servants or of the crew of such ship were implicated therein." I submit that their inclusion imposes an undue penalty on the shipowners. In a recent case, wherein the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company were summoned and fined \$1,000 for allowing their steamer, the *Loong Sing*, to be used for the conveyance and exportation of opium, the Magistrate, after stating that he found the shipping company innocent of any connivance and that they had adopted all reasonable precautions, went on to say: "One purpose of the section would appear to be to penalise shipowners in respect of the conduct of their employees. In effect, also, it provides that the guilt of their employees is to be assumed until their innocence is established. In this case the defendants have failed to prove innocence for certain Chinese members of the engine room staff of the ship." The Chamber of Commerce has made representations on several occasions to the Government in this connection without any effect, and it would appear to me that the effect of the law and the Magistrate's interpretation of it is that if opium is found on board a ship the shipowner, however innocent and diligent, must be fined, for it is obviously impossible for the owner to prove that not a single one of his crew was even slightly implicated. Fines imposed in these circumstances cannot have any preventative effect at all. The shipowner can do no more, and the fines do not trouble the crew. Representations in a similar connection were made to the Chinese Maritime Customs some two or three years ago and they recognised the undue penalties to which shipowners were subjected by a clause of that nature and they agreed to waive it. I submit, Sir, that these words might be omitted from the Ordinance.

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H.E. THE GOVERNOR: The matter which the hon. member has raised has been brought forward on several occasions by the Chamber of Commerce, and I have before me to-day another letter from them on the subject, to which I am prepared to give further consideration. But I should like to explain that in the present instance what we are doing is not altering or amending the law, but consolidating it, with the view to its inclusion in the Consolidated Ordinances, and the particular point raised can be dealt with separately by an amendment of the Ordinance, if we can find a form of words to suit the parties. We can take that up next year. At the same time I have one or two remarks I should like to make. The hon. member says it is impossible to prove that none of the officers or their servants, or the crew, have been implicated in these transactions. I am afraid that, in many cases, the impossibility arises from the fact that the officers or their servants or the crew have been so implicated—in fact, it is extremely difficult to believe that any case arises in which some member of the crew has not been concerned, and I am afraid we have not received from the shipping companies of this Colony the support we have a right to expect; that they have not dealt sufficiently severely with members of their crew when there has been a question of opium smuggling and a doubt has been thrown on the bona fides of the members of the crew. To put it quite frankly, it is a fact well known to everybody that the compradors' departments of shipping firms have a great deal to do with this matter and that an officer who is too strict in looking for opium smuggling is afraid of getting into trouble with the compradors and not being supported by the employers. With regard to the particular case of the *Loong Sing*, to which the hon. member referred, the Magistrate made certain observations which, I think are not warranted by the facts. What Mr. Wood said was that he was satisfied that the ship had taken every precaution, but the evidence given in that case was not that every precaution had been taken but that precautions would have been taken before the ship got to Manila. In that instance the opium was found in the tunnel of the propeller shaft. I am not a sea-faring man, but I venture to submit that it is impossible to examine a propeller shaft tunnel while the ship is under way, and I think a matter which might have been enquired into was: Who gave instructions that the examination should not be made until the ship was under weigh at a time when discovery was practically impossible. There was very grave suspicion in that case, and I think Mr. Wood's remarks were scarcely in accordance with the evidence which had been received. As I have said, the matter will receive consideration and the present clause contains no alteration in the law. I suggest to the Council, therefore, that it be passed as it stands.

The clause was approved without amendment and the Bill passed through the Committee stage without alteration.

The Council resumed and the third reading was taken. The Bill passed into law accordingly.

POLICE FORCE ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1900.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The Council went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

On clause 22, the ATTORNEY-GENERAL said: Representations have been received in regard to this clause and I propose that for it be substituted the clause, a draft of which was handed to hon. members just before the commencement of the sitting of the Council. The new suggested draft omits paragraph (a) and inserts in the last line, between the word "commit" and the words "any offence," the words "or of intending to commit."

The CLERK OF COUNCILS read the amended clause as follows:—
"22.—It shall be lawful for any police officer to stop and search, and, if necessary, to arrest and detain for further inquiries, any person whom he may find in any street or other public place, or on board any vessel or in any conveyance, at any hour of the day or night, who acts in a suspicious manner, or whom he may suspect of having committed, or of being about to commit, or of intending to commit, any offence."

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: The object of the introduction of this clause is to avoid any possibility of undue interference with the public by the undue exercise of the power of arrest and detention of any person who may happen to be in the street between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. I have agreed, as far as I am concerned, to the substitution of the amended clause because I think it desirable that the law as it stands should provide for the normal state of affairs. We may trust that when affairs are normal it will be unnecessary to assume that everybody who is walking in a public street between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. was there for an unlawful purpose. At the same time I should like to say that in normal times we can take the power to arrest and detain in such circumstances under the law passed last year and the regulations for use in an emergency. If the circumstances make it desirable I shall have no hesitation in recommending the Council to adopt those powers. The clause as altered appears to me to be sufficient for normal times.

The amended clause was approved.

On clause 23, the ATTORNEY-GENERAL said: Representations have been made regarding this clause and I have drafted an alternative clause which has been handed to hon. members. It reads as follows:—

"23.—It shall be lawful for any police officer to take the finger prints of:—
(a) any person who has been convicted of any offence;
(b) any person who has been arrested on a warrant issued under section 4 (4) of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911; and
(c) any other person upon the written order of the Captain Superintendent of Police or of a Deputy Superintendent of Police."

The present clause in the Bill is much wider and gives the power to take finger prints of any person who may be in custody. The suggested alteration restricts it to the three classes named in the draft.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: The objection to the original clause, as I understand, is the fact that members of the Chinese community have an objection—an objection which I confess I have never been able to understand—to having their finger prints taken unnecessarily, and I think the substituted clause will remove any reasonable objections.

The clause as amended was approved, and the Bill passed through the Committee stage without further amendment.

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Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTTEWALL: There are many other firms that employ such names as "Taikoo" and "Ewo." To my mind they are not translations nor transliterations, but they are Chinese names adopted by these firms because of their special meanings. They are better known to the Chinese and are intended to be so used amongst the Chinese for purposes of business. Another point is that if you exempt a firm which employs such names as "Ewo" and "Taikoo," what about a firm which is not as reliable as Jardine, using a name like that in order to escape using the Chinese characters for limited company.—you know kung sze.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: This Ordinance is not an attempt to impose fresh burdens on Companies, but to relieve them. The effect of the Act of 1921 seems to be that if Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., put the word "Ewo" on a bale of merchandise they are breaking the law unless they put the word for "limited" after the word "Ewo." This clause is an attempt to relieve them from the necessity of using those words on every occasion that they use the fancy name. I do not think, Sir, that in these modern times strict insistence on the use of the word "Limited" after the name of a company is of any great practical importance, but it is the policy of the English Acts and I think we ought to keep to it, though not to extend it to the use of fancy, and colloquial names.

The Hon. Mr. KOTTEWALL: That being the object I have no objection to the printed clause remaining as it is. I do not think the name "Ewo" can be classed as a translation.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: Your second point is a very difficult one, Mr. Kottevall, because if any company is able to get round this clause by calling itself something else it seems to me the clause becomes a dead letter.

Hon. Mr. KOTTEWALL: And the business community would be devoid of the protection which the law seeks to give it.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: Does it, as a matter of fact, afford any protection? Does the Chinese community pay the slightest attention to the existence or otherwise of these characters?

Hon. Mr. KOTTEWALL: I take it the object of the law is to have it there, so it is plain to them.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: As my name appears on the Bill I suppose I must know what the object is.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: Section 62 of the principal Ordinance requires a company to have its name painted or printed as the case may be on certain places or documents—that is the full official name which it gets on registration. When that name is used they must use the word "Limited" with it. It is a survival of days when the system of joint limited company was not so well known, but it is only in those cases where they must print or paint up the full official name that they have to add the word "Limited." There is no obligation upon a company to print its full official name on every bale of merchandise.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR suggested that it was necessary on letter headings.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL read the appropriate section in which the words letter heading did not occur. He added: The danger suggested by Mr. Kottevall is not serious in view of the fact that a company must have its full official title on important documents.

The Hon. Mr. KOTTEWALL: But only in English—not Chinese. There are many firms which adopt what the learned Attorney-General calls "fancy names" only show the English and the fancy name. It does not have the word *you know kung sze* added.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: In answer to that I do not think in modern times this provision is of very much practical importance.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: I think we most of us have come to the same conclusion on that point. Do you suggest any amendment, Mr. Kottevall?

The Hon. Mr. KOTTEWALL: No, Sir. The clause was then approved.

It was agreed that the Ordinance should come into force on December 31st.

Other clauses of the Bill were passed without amendment, and on the Council resuming the third reading was taken and the Bill passed into law accordingly.

INTERPRETATION ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The Bill having been read a second time, it was referred to Committee. It passed through the Committee stage without amendment and on the Council resuming, the third reading was carried and the Bill passed into law accordingly.

THE PASSPORTS ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to regulate the admission of persons into the Colony of Hongkong.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The motion was carried and the Bill was afterwards considered in Committee.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK said: With reference to paragraph 4 of the schedule it seems rather a strong measure to provide that if any person is convicted of an offence against regulation 1 it shall be lawful for any magistrate to order that such person shall be expelled from the Colony. The power to order a person to be expelled is usually exercised by the Governor in Council. In sub-section 2 there is a reference made to the Governor-in-Council, because he has to say by what ship the person proposed to be expelled is to depart from the Colony. Would it not be better to make the Governor in Council the authority throughout. I do not know where there is any precedent for giving this power to the Magistrate.

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The Hon. Mr. Pollock: The effect of giving the power to the Magistrate is that it would be seldom exercised. The Governor-in-Council would be a much better body to determine whether anybody coming in without a passport should be expelled from the Colony.

H.E. The Governor: Is this an alteration of the existing law?

The Attorney-General: We have no passport regulations at present. I think there is a similar power in England.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock: Is not the Home Secretary the deciding authority there?

The Attorney-General: No, I think he has the power, but the magistrate also has the power to order deportation in certain cases. I have not looked up the point. The object of this clause is to give the power to a judicial officer. The object is not a punishment for a term of years. If a man comes back again with proper evidence of identity he can, of course, re-enter the Colony. He must not come into the Colony without proper evidence. If he has come in without such evidence he must be expelled again. I think it is a power that could be exercised by the magistrate.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock suggested that the Magistrate might often be in a difficulty as to exercising this power.

The Attorney-General: It would be almost an automatic order.

H.E. The Governor: My recollection is a little obscure, but I thought the Magistrate in England merely recommended deportation.

The Attorney-General: The regulation can be amended at any time. Might it not be passed now? This schedule can be amended at any time by the Governor-in-Council and that point might be considered, whether the power should be given the Magistrate or to the Governor-in-Council.

The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe: The ordinary passport officer has the power to prevent people landing. The Magistrate can expel them; the passport officer does not let them land. It amounts to practically the same thing.

H.E. The Governor: I think we had better pass the law now. The question is whether we should try and amend the regulation at the moment or later. Do you feel prepared to suggest a form of words, Mr. Pollock? One way of getting over the difficulty would be to say, that it is lawful for this Magistrate to recommend to the Governor-in-Council and that that recommendation should be sufficient authority for the police to detain the person. I cannot suggest the exact wording at the moment.

The Attorney-General: One advantage of giving the power to the Magistrate is that a man has an opportunity of stating his case against an order for expulsion.

At the suggestion of H.E. the Governor the expression "any police officer" was substituted for "all police officers" in section (2) of the schedule.

The Bill passed through the Committee stage without further amendment, and on the Council resuming the third reading was carried and the Bill passed into law accordingly.

SHORT ADJOURNMENT.

The Council then adjourned in order that the Finance Committee might consider the financial minutes and the additional financial minute relating to the redistribution of unexpended balances Public Works Department votes for the year 1923.

On the resumption, later, the COLONIAL SECRETARY reported that financial minutes 108 to 112 and the additional financial minute had been approved by the Finance Committee and he moved that they be adopted.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was carried.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S THANKS TO THE COUNCIL.

H.E. The Governor: Gentlemen, This is the last meeting for this year and I have once more to express my very cordial appreciation of the assistance which you have given me without stint whenever I have asked you to do so. I feel I have occupied a great deal of your time during this year. I can only say that virtue is its own reward and I hope you may feel you are rewarded by the sense of having done extremely good work in the various committees and commissions in which I have had to ask you to take part. We have had a busy year and I think that on the whole we have done a considerable amount of valuable work. We have had also a very prosperous and successful year so far as public finances are concerned. I hope that next year we may find ourselves continuing in the career of prosperity which has lasted up to the present moment. I am sorry that the Hon. Mr. Holyoak is unable to be present and I feel sure I shall speak for the Council in wishing him a speedy recovery from his present trouble. I thank you very cordially, gentlemen, and wish you a merry Christmas.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee, the COLONIAL SECRETARY presided.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$300 in aid of the vote Bacteriological Institute and Mortuaries, Other Charges, Animals and Fodder.

The CHAIRMAN: This sum is required to pay for calves used in the preparation of vaccine. The sale will realise a much larger sum, but it is necessary to take a vote.

Approved.

GRANT TO A CANTON HOSPITAL.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$25,000 in aid of the vote Charitable Services, Grant in aid of Charitable Institution: John G. Kerr Hospital, Canton.

The CHAIRMAN: This vote has been already approved by the Finance Committee.

Approved.

AN OPIUM VOTE.
The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$25,000 in aid of the vote Imports and Exports, Department, Other Charges, Opium, Purchase of Raw Opium, etc.

The CHAIRMAN: This liability was incurred principally early in this year, being the amount of the large reward paid in connection with an opium seizure in a cave near Kou I Chau. There is also a sum due in connection with the difference in the rate of exchange between this Colony and India for payments for opium.

Approved.
THE EXTENSION OF GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$11,000 in aid of the following votes:—

Medical Department, Civil Hospital, Other Charges:—

Bedding and clothing \$ 7,400.00
Cleansing materials 350.00
Furniture 3,300.00

Total \$11,050.00

The CHAIRMAN: These sums are required to buy articles for the additional ward at the Government Civil Hospital. The amounts only became known recently in the Crown Agents' Account.

Approved.
FIRE BRIGADE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$4,100 in aid of the following votes:—

Fire Brigade, Other Charges:—

Incidental expenses \$ 100.00
Repairs to motor engines and plant 500.00
Repairs to floating engines 3,500.00

Total \$4,100.00

The CHAIRMAN: In putting forward these requests the Captain Superintendent of Police has written in respect of incidental expenses: "This vote has already been expended by special warrant, issued in July, 1923. It has now been found that this sum was insufficient to cover necessary expenses. From this vote all travelling expenses of the Brigade are paid, also the cost of upkeep and running the lift at the temporary central station. The second item, repairs to motor engines and plant, the excess is due to a number of accidents which have proved costly. As to the third item, repairs to floating engines, it is stated that the practice has been to ship the float at the end of the year, the account generally being paid in the following year. This year, however, the annual renewal will be submitted in time for inclusion in this year's expenditure."

Approved.
PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURE.

On the special minute dealing with P.W.D. votes the CHAIRMAN said: This additional financial minute shows in detail the supplementary votes required to pay for various public works, recurrent and extraordinary. If any member would like an explanation of any of the sums appearing, I should be glad if he would ask in order that the Director of Public Works may give an explanation.

MAGISTRACY AT KOWLOON.
The Hon. Mr. Pollock asked if the Magistracy at Kowloon had been opened.

The Director of Public Works: No, I think not.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock: When will the building be ready?

The Director of Public Works: I do not think they have actually begun yet.

The CHAIRMAN: The old Yau-mai Police Station will be ready in February.

COMPLETION OF QUEEN'S PIER.
The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang: I should like some information as to when Queen's Pier is likely to be completed?

The Director of Public Works: The iron work will be completed by the end of the year, but there has been considerable delay as regards the masonry of the approach to the pier.

The Hon. Mr. Lang: It has taken a long time. At one time it was mooted that the pier would be open at the time of the Prince of Wales' arrival.

The CHAIRMAN: That could not have been done because plans for the entrance of the Prince of Wales' visit. The plans I think were passed before February—a very short time before I went on leave.

The Director of Public Works: The pier was damaged by the typhoon.

The CHAIRMAN: When will the whole of the work be completed?

The Director of Public Works: In about nine months.

The CHAIRMAN: But the pier will be open for traffic before that?

The Director of Public Works: I think it will be better not to open it for traffic until it is finished.

The Hon. Mr. Lang: The work was started about two-and-a-half years ago.

The CHAIRMAN: About October, 1921, rather over two years ago.

The Hon. Mr. Lang: It will be three years before it is finished.

The CHAIRMAN: Not the pier; the plans were not decided on and passed until February last. I do not think any beginning was made with the building of the approach until quite recently. (To the Director): Is it not a fact that the Praya wall was found not to be strong enough to carry the masonry structure and very careful investigations had to be made as to the foundations?

The Director of Public Works: That is so and the rubble on which the wall is constructed was displaced by the typhoon.

The CHAIRMAN: This is very heavy and the plans require alterations. This work was never contemplated when the Praya wall was made. I am sure hon. members will agree it would be a deplorable thing if this ceremonial pier was opened and then began to crumble.

The minute was approved.

The proceedings then concluded.

SCHOOL PRIZE DISTRIBUTIONS.

PEAK SCHOOL.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE PEAK CLUB.

There was a large attendance of parents and friends at the Peak Club last evening on the occasion of the annual distribution of prizes to the children attending the Peak School. Amongst those present were the Director of Education (Hon. Mr. E. Irving), Lady Severn and the Rev. T. W. Pearce, Mr. F. C. Jenkins, the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. E. P. C. Wolfe) and Mrs. Wolfe, the Rev. Copley Moyle and others.

The proceedings opened with an entertainment by the children, which they appeared to enjoy just as much as the grown-ups, so happy and confident did they appear on the stage. It was pleasant to witness the action songs of the little tots and they seemed to score points freely from the elder pupils in their singing which was sweet and tuneful in the opening items called, "Oats, Peas and Beans" and "Locby Loo." Phoebe Couland followed with a recitation entitled "The Butterfly" her elocution being very good. Six of the elder pupils gave some folk dances, which were very pretty. The elder pupils—thirteen this time—sang three songs and then four of the little tots took possession of the stage and gave exhibitions of marching to the drum, huckle and mouth organ and for a brief while the stage was turned into a village street, up and down which the quartette of bold soldiers marched. They were: Joan Eager, Lesley Bridger, Brian Brearley and Douglas Comrie. The staging of a number of the pupils in a song called "The Butterfly" was very effective, the singing and the gaily coloured costumes making an extremely pretty scene. An old gavotte dance by four of the elder pupils—Valerie Biers and Gillian Pearce, and Marion Wolfe and Valerie Goodfellow—was the star turn of the entertainment and the quartette party deserved all the applause they were accorded. They obliged with an encore. Another delightful turn was that of Ailsa Morrison who recited "The Dead Doll." This child is only six years of age and she captivated the audience by her recitation which was remarkably well given.

This item concluded the entertainment and the Director of Education read the school report on behalf of the headmistress (Mrs. P. Y. Stark). Lady Severn afterwards distributed the prizes and was herself the recipient of a beautiful bouquet of flowers from the hands of Peggy Hornell. Lady Severn then endeavored herself to the children by asking the Director of Education if the school could not break up there and then for the Christmas vacation and not on Friday as scheduled, a request which Mr. Irving agreed to and which was greeted with applause by the children.

This concluded the proceedings.

PRIZE LIST.

Infants B.—Ailsa Morrison, Beryl Arthur, Dilys Milner Jones, Jacob Wollman, Kenneth Griffin, Catherine King, Janet King, Jack Updell, Audrey Newhouse and Johannes Spit.

Infants A.—Heather Lander, Lesley Bridger, Joan Eager, Douglas Comrie, Brian Brearley and Mary Dunn.

Infants A1.—Daphne Milner Jones, Joan Ward, Phoebe Couland and Marion Lane.

Class 8(a).—Form prize, Neil Wilson; general proficiency, Ronald Macdichan, Alce Mackintosh and Alan Comrie.

Class 8(b).—Form prize, Bruce Sutherland.

Class 7.—Form prize, Peter Yates; special prize for class work, Peter Yates; general proficiency, Valerie Goodfellow; history and geography, Joan Hornell.

Class 6.—Form prize, Ruth McDermott; special prize (presented by the Rev. H. V. Copley Moyle), Ruth McDermott; general proficiency, Peggy Hornell; special prize, Elizabeth Brown; general proficiency, Betty Brown; general proficiency, Valerie Biers.

THE REPORT.

Attendance.—School opened on January 15th with 62 pupils and closed for the year on November 30th with 52 on the roll. In spring there was the usual exodus of children going on leave and others to school at home. Early in the year school was shut down on account of an outbreak of mumps but this was compensated for in some degree by a shortened summer vacation. The attendance throughout the year has been fair.

Staff.—In January Miss Mackintosh joined the staff as kindergarten mistress. Unfortunately she had to leave in April on account of her mother's health. In October Mrs. Lucy joined the staff and as a trained kindergarten mistress, has greatly helped our infant department. To the great benefit of the school, Miss Dyer was appointed in July as games mistress, and thanks to her efforts and the great kindness of Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher, we had a most enjoyable and successful sports day at Tanagerage on November 1st.

Health.—As already stated school had to be closed from February 1st to 20th on account of an outbreak of mumps. Since then there have been no infectious cases amongst the children, whose general health the medical report pronounced "Excellent." After the medical inspection in a few cases eyes and teeth required attention. Recently the attendance has been weakened by children absent on account of fever and chills.

School Buildings.—The new cloak rooms and lavatories begun last December were finished early in this year and proved a very valuable addition to the school. The cloak-rooms have had windows added which have greatly improved the lighting and ventilation.

Work.—The examination results throughout the year have been most satisfactory. Standard intelligence tests have also been applied, with very satisfactory results. Script writing has been adopted throughout the school, resulting in much neater work.

KOWLOON JUNIOR BRITISH SCHOOL.

Yesterday afternoon the prizes won by the pupils at Kowloon Junior British School (Gun Club Hill) were presented by Mrs. E. Cock. Sports were indulged in from 2.30 p.m. until 4 o'clock, and tea was served at 4.15 p.m.

The Headmistress (Miss H. F. Skinner) in her report, stated:—

The school year began in January with 45 children on the roll and reached a maximum of 61. Daily attendance of pupils has been, on the whole, good, particularly for a Junior School. The average percentage for last year was 87 per cent.; this year it is 89 per cent. Miss Bailey, who holds the certificates of the National Froebel Union (Kindergarten), arrived from England and commenced duties here in September.

In the actual work of the school, no pronounced changes have been made, with the exception of drill, which subject certainly takes a happier, and, in consequence, a more beneficial form. Miss Dyer, a qualified and trained physical culturist, visits the school twice each week. The children love their work with her, and already, since June, one observes a distinct improvement in their general deportment. Miss Dyer also gives, where necessary, special care to special cases, being qualified to do so.

Dr. Woodman took the half-yearly medical inspection this month, and pronounced himself fully satisfied with the children's health and with general conditions.

I said that no changes of moment had been made in the actual work of the school, that is so, but a change has been made with regard to the hours of study. Whereas previously each day during the winter months we have had an afternoon session, this year it has been discontinued and summer hours are now permanently adopted. As far as actual teaching hours go, nothing is lost by this change and much is gained. The benefit derived from this change is unquestionable, for the morning hours in a Junior School are of infinitely greater teaching value than those of the afternoon. In the afternoon, after tiffin—the child's chief meal of the day—children are more or less dull and unresponsive.

During the year the pupils have enjoyed several educational out-door excursions. The two Senior classes have had successful nature walks.

At the beginning of the School year, December 3rd, 8 children were promoted to the Senior School.

Two Scholarships are granted to the Kowloon Junior School—one to be gained in each of the Senior classes. Eileen Steel has won the Scholarship in Class 7 (Eileen also held it last year); and Iris Woolley that in Class 8. The Scholarship entitles the winner to one year's tuition.

PRIZE LIST.

The prize list was as follows:—

Class 7.
School Scholarship and Class Prize.—E. Steel.

Drawing.—U. Mitchell.

Class 8.
Class Prize.—L. Woolley.

Drawing.—M. Rousseau.

Class 9.
Class Prize.—M. Mitchell.

Handwork.—M. Mitchell.

Class 10.
Class Prize.—P. McCaw.

Handwork.—B. Thompson.

The prize winners in the sports were:—

Flat Race (eight years and over).—A. Kelly.

Flat Race (six and seven years).—Helen Wyllie.

Flat Race (under six years).—M. Dixon.

Egg and Spoon Race (eight years and over).—M. Groundwater.

Egg and Spoon Race (six and seven years).—P. McCaw.

Egg and Spoon Race (under six years and over).—M. Dixon.

Skipper competition (eight years and over).—Joyce Smith.

Skipper competition (six and seven years).—P. McCaw.

Bunny Jump (eight years and over).—M. Groundwater.

Bunny Jump (six and seven years).—D. Dixon.

Bunny Jump (under six years).—N. Branch.

Team Race.—Winning team: E. Lammer, J. Smith, I. Woolley and D. Pittman.

High Jump (boys).—R. Blythe.

High Jump (girls).—E. Blythe.

Obstacle Race (A).—A. Kelly.

Obstacle Race (B).—J. Smith.


SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Hbert and Co.'s Piece Goods Market Report, dated December 14th says:—

The volume of business transacted during the week under review has been small and deliveries have been handicapped by the financial stringency which shows signs of again becoming acute in spite of the arrival of some substantial shipments of sycee. It would appear that the shortness of money is now being particularly felt in the Hankow area, as merchants from this port have been practically out of the buying market for the past two weeks. A pleasing feature of the week has been the despatch of some shipments for Szechuan, which would indicate that the shortage of stocks is so serious that dealers are willing to operate in spite of the unrest now prevalent throughout the Upper Yangtze. Tientsin merchants have also been in the market for some minor purchases.

At the auctions Whites were a little down, Greys slightly higher on the average and Fast Blacks irregular but on the whole steady.

Telegraphic advices from Manchester show little change and the sharp drop in the raw materials noticed last week was of too short duration to have any effect on manufacturers' prices.



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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 27th and 28th INSTANT. Hongkong, 20th December, 1923. [1743]

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NOTICE.

ON SATURDAY, the 22nd INSTANT, All Departments will be OPEN for Business until 5 P.M.
On MONDAY, the 24th INSTANT, All Departments will be OPEN until 7 P.M.
On These Days, the Dispensing Department will remain OPEN until 7:30 P.M.
On CHRISTMAS DAY and WEDNESDAY, 26th DECEMBER, All Departments will be CLOSED. The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be OPEN for Dispensing Prescriptions from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., and from 6 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.
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Hongkong, 20th December, 1923. [1744]

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SATURDAY, 22nd DECEMBER, 9.00 P.M.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th inst., will be subject to suit.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 10th Jan., or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th inst., at 10 A.M.
No Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1923. [1741]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

INTERPORT RUGBY.

ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1924, on the Occasion of the visit of the SHANGHAI RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB a DINNER will be held in the Hongkong Club at 6.00 P.M.

Those wishing to attend will please send their Names and those of the Guests they wish to bring with them to the Underigned by Noon on THURSDAY, 27th inst., at latest.
H. C. MACNAMARA,
Dinner Secretary,
c/o Messrs. DEACON, HARTON & SEXTON,
No. 1, Des Vaux Road Central.
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THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY

Will be held on
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22nd, 1924
From 3.30 P.M. to 5 P.M.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTTEWALL will speak
There will be Speeches by Scholars, Tea and Physical Drill.
All Parents and Guardians, Old Boys and Friends are invited to attend.
[1748]

THE VICTORIA DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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IN THE THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1924,
at 4.30 P.M.

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TICKETS—\$2.00 (Reserved) and \$1.00.

Booking at Messrs. MOUTRIE'S.
Tickets can also be obtained from Mr. T. S. W. CHAN at Diocesan Boys' School.
The Proceeds will be given to the Support of Missionary Work in Nanning.
[1738]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate 5/95 dated Hongkong 5th April, 1923, for Five Shares of this Bank numbered 62976/62980 inclusive registered in the Name, Mrs. GLAFIRA MARIA ECA DA SILVA ABELLA has been destroyed by Fire, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 17th January, 1924, a New Certificate for the Shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 5/95 7490 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
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NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

CERTIFICATE No. A/63 for Nine Shares, 24 per share paid up, numbered 98948/98951 in this Society standing in the name of KWONG SING LUNG of Yokohama has been declared LOST, and if at the expiration of One Month from the Date hereof this above document be not forthcoming the said Certificate will be deemed cancelled and of no effect, and a NEW Certificate for the Nine Shares will be issued in its stead by the Society.
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1923. [1696]

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, Hongkong, at Noon, on the 18th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1923, when the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution that is to say:—
"That the Company be Wound Up voluntarily."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Same Time and Place on the 4th DAY OF JANUARY, 1924, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.
A further Resolution will be proposed at the Second Meeting for the appointment of a Liquidator or Liquidators for the purposes of such Winding Up, and fixing his or their remuneration.

L. B. GREENHILL,
Acting Secretary to
The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.,
General Agents for
The Kowloon Land & Building Company, Limited.
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1923. [1634]

INTIMATIONS

G. R.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that SEALED TENDERS in Triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Quarries," will be received at this Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 24th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1923, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong and the New Territories, for one year or, as an alternative, for a period of 3 years from the 1st January, 1924.
Each Tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the Tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the Schedule hereunder opposite to each Quarry, as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the Tenderer refuses to carry out his Tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the Tender be accepted.
The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.
Forms of Tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

Quarry Lot No.	Approximate Area in Acres	Upset Deposit made Annual with Crown Tender.
Ah Kung Ngam No. 1	3.15	\$50.00
Ah Kung Ngam No. 2	.93	\$30.00
Tao Tse Wan No. 1	1.84	\$30.00
Tao Tse Wan No. 2	1.84	\$30.00
Sai Tse Wan No. 1	1.70	\$40.00
Sai Tse Wan No. 2	1.40	\$30.00
Lymun No. 1	1.48	\$30.00
Lymun No. 2	1.80	\$30.00
Lymun No. 3	1.90	\$30.00
Lymun No. 4	.30	\$40.00
Lymun No. 5	3.52	\$70.00
Lymun No. 6	14.70	\$240.00
Lymun No. 7	10.39	\$200.00
Chai Kwo Liang No. 1	6.52	\$130.00
Chai Kwo Liang No. 2	9.17	\$180.00
Chai Kwo Liang No. 3	11.46	\$230.00
Chai Kwo Liang No. 4	10.30	\$200.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 1	6.80	\$130.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 2	12.94	\$260.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 3	11.15	\$230.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 4	6.67	\$130.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 5	1.87	\$37.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 6	3.58	\$71.00

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The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.
Forms of Tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

Quarry Lot No.	Approximate Area in Acres	Upset Deposit made Annual with Crown Tender.
Shaukiwan Lot No. 1	37.00	\$5,500.00
Shaukiwan Lot No. 2	40.35	\$6,000.00
Kowloon No. 1	11.10	\$440.00
Kowloon No. 2	7.04	\$280.00
Kowloon No. 3	4.00	\$160.00

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction, to be held on MONDAY, the 24th day of December, 1923, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of one Lot of OROWN LAND at Bowen Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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Hongkong, 16th July, 1923.

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BIRTHS.

POPE.—At Shanghai, on December 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pope, a son.
SILVA.—At Shanghai, on December 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Basto da Silva, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CLIFF.—Broomhall.—At Shanghai, on December 14th, Howard STEPHENS, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Cliff, of Torquay, to Mary Gertrude, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Broomhall, of the China Inland Mission, Shanghai.

DEATH.—Tucker.—At Ningpo, on December 12th, Rev. Sidney JOHN TUCKER, B.A., D.C.M., of the Church Missionary Society's College in Ningpo, to ELIZABETH EMEL TUCKER, of Canonbury, London.

DEATH.

SOKOV.—At the General Hospital, Shanghai, SOKOV VASILIEVITCH SOKOV, former Consul-General for Russia at Newchwang.

Hongkong Office: 1A, Chater Road.
London Office: 121, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 21st, 1923.

CHINA'S FINANCIAL CHAOS.

For many years past now, we have been accustomed as the Lunar New Year approaches, to wails by the Finance Ministry at Peking over the seeming impossibility of meeting all the demands likely to be made upon it at that important time for "settlements." China New Year falls on February 6th, but already we are told that, in anticipating the Government's need of funds, the Ministry is "fending itself up against a stone wall." It is estimated that approximately seven million dollars are wanted to meet administrative expenses. This includes the payment of arrears of salary due to dismissed Government officials (and presumably the arrears due to a great multitude who are still in the Government service), and also "the usual military expenditures." It is not clear from the statement before us whether "the financing of the anti-Southern expeditions" is included

among "recurrent" military expenses, or whether it is to be regarded as "extraordinary." Mention is also made of "Wu Pei Fu's demand for \$3,700,000 for Loyang's other expenses," which presumably are chiefly military. The Minister would appear to be already at his wits' end in his search for money. Acting under orders from the President, Mr. WANG KAU MIN, who is acting Minister of Finance, took advantage of the presence in Peking of delegates from the provinces for a conference on Railway and Telegraph questions, to summon them to a Conference in order to make known to them "the real financial condition of the National Government" and to secure their co-operation in "making both ends meet." Mr. WANG, we read, described the national finances as "extremely confused and exhausted," and entered into a lengthy explanation as to how this had "come about." The provinces for some years now have failed to make regular remittances to the National Treasury and the Government had had to rely on loans for its maintenance. Up to the end of last year, Mr. WANG said, China's domestic and foreign loans had exceeded two hundred million dollars. These loans might be roughly divided into two classes—secured and unsecured. The so-called unsecured loans originally had security which was later diverted to other purposes. To-day the national finances had become so chaotic and the burden so heavy that the Government had been practically driven to the end of its resources, for no more security was left against any new loan, and no one would lend any money to China.

The Minister laid before the Conference an outline of the Government's receipts from the various sources of revenue, and the expenditures it is called upon to meet. The following illuminating paragraph from his address may be quoted: "He said that more than \$5,500,000 a month was required to meet the payments of the military and police, and some \$3,000,000 for administrative purposes, totalling some \$10,000,000, not including the arrears, military, administrative and otherwise, accumulated during the past years, amounting to \$200,000,000. It would be seen, Mr. WANG said, that the receipts were not quite one-tenth of the expenditure, and the National Government was naturally in financial difficulties." For the rest, his address was an appeal to the provinces to resume their remittances to the national treasury, and generally for the support of the provinces in a plan for the general reorganization of the country's finances which he proposes to lay before a Conference in February or March next. He indicated the main points of the plan as (1), consolidation of loans, converting short-term loans into long-term loans and reducing the rate of interest; (2), accelerating the Customs Conference with a view to getting the proposed surtax imposed at the earliest possible moment; (3), a reorganization of the Salt Monopoly in a way which is calculated to yield another (twenty million dollars annually; and (4), to insist on proper budgetary statements in which revenues and expenditures, national and provincial, shall be clearly defined.

There is really nothing new in all this. It is one thing to set down schemes on paper and another to get them carried into effect in China. With regard to the matter of provincial remittances—which offers the only prospect of immediate assistance to the National Treasury—the President himself made an appeal to the provinces recently, but we see it stated that only two provinces responded, and the sums they sent would not go very far towards meeting the Government's urgent needs. Mr. WANG, indeed, told the recent Conference that, with the exception of the provinces of Shensi and Chekiang, "which have comparatively small foreign obligations," they are all in financial difficulties, "and some near bankruptcy." Not a word do we find in Mr. WANG's address regarding the primary need of China. That need is peace. Once an end is put to the perpetual warfare which is exhausting several of the richest provinces of China, there would be some hope for improvement in the financial situation which the Minister, in common with every friend of China, deplors. That is the need to which the statesmen of China require to address themselves. Until the military bandits are effectively controlled, it would seem useless to talk of reorganizing the finances of China, for it is they who have caused the chaos, and, unrestrained as they are at present, they will defy and frustrate all efforts at reform.

Communication with America and Commercial Pacific cable has been restored.

Eleven cases of small-pox were reported during the 24 hours ended on Wednesday.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul announced a clearance sale of 5,000 toys to be held to-morrow in the grounds of the old Wigwam Tennis Club, Kowloon.

Short time is becoming more prevalent in Shanghai Cotton Mills, and it is believed, the N.C. Daily News says, that the position will be worse by China New Year.

A marriage has been arranged and will take place in March, at Shanghai, between Miss Helen Margaret Benson, daughter of Mr. C. Benson, late Indian Civil Service, Madras, of Haydon Lynde Regis, Dorset, England, and Dr. William B. A. Moore, Government Medical Officer, Kowloon.

A Chinese boy, 14 years of age, was knocked down in Queen's Road on Wednesday by taxi No. 981. A big crowd collected which had to be dispersed by the police who removed the boy to hospital. He had a cut on the back of his head.

Valuable tools, chauffeur's raincoats other articles have been missing from cars parked in Statue Square recently, with the result that drivers have been on the lookout for the miscreant. A thief was sentenced by Mr. Hamilton yesterday to two months' imprisonment.

A recent issue of the Daily Telegraph contained what is believed to be the first advertisement in Chinese printed in a London newspaper. It announces successful flotation of The Young China Steamship Company, receipt of \$8,000 in share subscriptions, and the purchase, from the U.S. Government, of the str. Restorer, a vessel of 1,100 tons register.

Contracts have been signed for the removal of the present Maritime Customs House on the Shanghai Bund; and work will be started early in the New Year for the construction of the new building, according to architectural plans which have been approved by the Inspector-General of Customs. The new Customs House will be of considerably larger dimensions. Parts of the present building will be utilised wherever possible and incorporated in the new scheme, the new building will be completed in a year's time. Meanwhile, the Customs staff and offices will be removed to the building recently vacated by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, in Szechuen Road.

A very successful Whist Drive was held at the Seamen's Institute on Wednesday evening. So many more people than were expected arrived to participate in the games that tables had to be arranged in the Manager's private rooms, in the Officers' Billiard Room and on the first-floor landing. At the conclusion Kowloon Residents and others were taken to their respective destinations by the Mission launch Dayspring. Mr. G. T. May again gave valuable help as M.C. assisted by Mr. A. T. Boteler. The winners of the various prizes were:—Ladies—1st, Mrs. May, 176; 2nd, Mrs. White, 174; 3rd, Mrs. Burden, 172; Hidden Number, Miss Hill, 143; Booby, Mrs. Castledene, 230. Men—1st, Mr. Greenwood, 186; 2nd, Mr. Linsey, 181; 3rd, Mr. Bilton, 180; Hidden Number, Mr. Hyne, 155; Booby, Mr. McGarry, 138.

SCHOOLMASTER'S DEATH.

A CURIOUS CASE.

At an inquiry, yesterday afternoon, into the circumstances surrounding the death of a Chinese schoolmaster at Queen's College, which took place at the Government Civil Hospital, Dr. McKenny stated that he did not think death was due to a wound in the throat that deceased had inflicted on himself after admission to the Hospital. The deceased, he explained, was suffering from a slight attack of influenza and fever. After the deceased had attempted to take his own life in the ward by cutting his throat with a table-knife, witnesses bound up the wound and stopped the hemorrhage. Later he received an urgent telephone message and on his return found that the deceased had just died. Witness held a post-mortem examination and discovered a disease of the heart of old standing. He attributed death to heart failure, due to the influenza attack and, to some extent, to an injury to the neck. He did not think the injury itself was sufficient to cause death.

A verdict was returned to the effect that the deceased died from natural causes, due to heart failure aggravated by influenza and shock following the cutting of his own throat.
The jury empanelled were: Messrs. C. C. Stark (foreman), C. O. Baptista and J. M. Gutierrez.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH RAUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUSSIA AND NAVAL LIMITATION.

SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE MAY ATTEND L.O.N. CONFERENCE.

Riga, December 19th.

M. Chicherin sent a Note to the League of Nations saying that the Russian Soviet Government, without changing its general attitude towards the League, is willing to send a representative to discuss the proposed extension of the Washington Naval Agreement to States other than original signatories, provided the League will alter its arrangements and convene the conference outside Switzerland.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN TRADE RELATIONS.
FULL RE-OPENING ANTICIPATED.

LONDON, December 19th.

The *Westminster Gazette*, anticipating British recognition of the Soviet Government and the re-opening of full trade relations soon after the Conservative Government relinquishes office. It states important negotiations have been proceeding, from which it is clear that the Moscow Government will admit liability for the pre-war Russian debt to Great Britain, and Russia, in return, will claim compensation for damage arising from Allied support to the "White" forces after the revolution. The Soviet also requires credits, as a preliminary to an agreement. The newspaper states that a \$400,000 contract for electrical machinery has just been completed with an important British firm.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.
NO SIGNS OF DECREASE.

LONDON, December 19th.

There are no signs of a decrease in the spread of foot and mouth disease in Great Britain, of which thirty-seven fresh outbreaks are reported, making a total of 1,330 premises in infected areas. Cheshire is still the most seriously affected area, but the new areas are Norfolk and Warwickshire.

Some 44,000 cattle, 20,000 sheep and 24,000 pigs have been slaughtered since the outbreak and £1,325,000 compensation has been paid.

The Ministry of Agriculture has prohibited hunting and coursing from December 23rd in the infected areas. Over thirty counties are affected by the prohibition.

INSULIN.

PRICE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED.

LONDON, December 19th.

The price of insulin is being reduced from 1s. 6d. to 1s. 3d. per dose. It is stated that all demands can now be met.

CHESTER CONCESSION ANNULLED.

SYNDICATE OF LONDON BANKING HOUSES.

New York, December 17th.

Mr. Knowles, counsel to the Ottoman American Development Company, announces the formation of a syndicate of London banking houses with a capital of £5,000,000 to which the control of the Chester concessions may eventually pass if the company fails to obtain the necessary capital.

EARLIER CABLES.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 19th.

A message from Angora says the Committee of Works has notified Mr. Clayton Kennedy's agent of the annulment of the Chester concession made last April.

MADAME CURIE GRANTED PENSION.

Paris, December 19th.

The Madame Curie Pension Bill, granting a State pension to the discoverer of radium, has been unanimously passed by the Chamber.

LATEST CABLES.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE.

PROPOSALS APPARENTLY DOOMED.

LONDON, December 19th.

Except in the unlikely eventuality of the Labour Party taking them over, Mr. Baldwin's preference proposals at the Imperial Conference seem, at present, to be doomed.

The Liberal Press is emphatically declaring that the electorate's rejection of Protection necessarily involved the rejection of the preference proposals.

The *Daily News* feels sure the suggestion that the Dominions have a kind of moral right to insist that the proposals Mr. Baldwin chose to make their representatives must be carried out, whatever the opinion of the British people, will be immediately repudiated by responsible Dominion statesmen when they consider it coolly.

The *Manchester Guardian* says that Mr. Baldwin's Imperial preference inflections of free trade must be reversed, as a matter of course, at the earliest possible moment.

GERMANY'S NEW CURRENCY

ATTACK ON ITS STABILITY.

BERLIN, December 19th.

The first attack on the stability of the Rentenmark, which has considerably improved economic conditions in Germany, was made by Dr. Luther, Finance Minister, who, at a meeting of the Board of the Renten Bank, requested it to grant the Government a credit, in addition to the 1,900 millions already granted.

Dr. Luther declared that it was only a question of a short period credit, which would not affect inflation.

The Board rejected the request, fearing that further credits to the Government might undermine faith in the Rentenmark.

In view of this refusal, Dr. Luther will obtain money by issuing exchequer short term bills in Rentenmarks to banks, agricultural and industrial concerns.

INDIAN FRONTIER MURDERS

RESPONSIBILITY FIXED.

DELHI, December 19th.

The Frontier Conference, between the Afghan Governor of Jalalabad and the Political Agent for Khyber, has fixed the responsibility for harbouring the Ajab gang of murderers of British officers on the Sangi tribe, whose representatives were detained as hostages by the Governor, but bolted during the night.

The gang dispersed on learning of the despatch of 600 regular troops against them, and they are still at large.

The Assembly of Malakand passed a verdict against three of the tribesmen for the murder of Lieut. Webster on July 6th, and called on the Shabi tribe to surrender the culprits, failing which the tribe will be liable to a fine of 12,000 rupees.

THE GOULD ESTATE.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE J. GOULD TO BENEFIT.

New York, December 17th.

The United States Supreme Court has awarded each of the children of the late George J. Gould \$263,000 from the trust fund created under their father's will. The court has directed that the money should not be paid to them now, but held pending the end of the present litigation.

It was expressly stated that the Court "assumed without deciding" that the children of the former Guinevere Sinclair Gould's second wife, were entitled to a share in the trust left by their grandfather, Jay Gould.

The remainder of the estate amounts to \$9,500,000.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE GREEK CRISIS.

KING REFUSES TO ABDICATE.

ATHENS, December 19th.

Their Greek Majesties have sailed from Piræus for Constantinople on the Greek torpedo boat *Daphni*, accompanied by a marshal of the court, an aide de camp, and guard of honour of twelve bluejackets.

The King resolutely declined to sign a decree of abdication.

The Government has informed the Diplomatic Missions that their Majesties' departure for Rumania is temporary. General Condouriotis has been appointed Regent.

CONSCRIPTION IN AFGHANISTAN.

PESHAWAR, December 19th.

The Afghan Government has launched a new compulsory recruitment scheme, whereby one man in every eight will be conscripted for the army.

MR. BONAR LAW'S ESTATE.

LONDON, December 19th.

The late Mr. Bonar Law left estate valued at £51,397.

OBITUARY.

DR. J. H. JOWETT.

LONDON, December 19th.

The death has occurred of Dr. J. H. Jowett, M.A., D.D., the famous preacher, who has been Minister of Westminster Chapel since 1916. He was born in 1864.

LATEST CABLES.

REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.

AMERICA AND THE SOVIETS

A REVOLUTIONARY SCHEME THAT MISCARRIED.

WASHINGTON, December 19th.

In support of Mr. Hughes' refusal to negotiate with Russia, mentioned in a cable message published yesterday, the State Department has published detailed plans which were intercepted in transit from the Soviet Government to the "Workers Party" in America detailing a scheme for a proletarian revolution in the United States to "raise the red flag over White House."

Part of the programme provided for the organisation of fighting units, who were to be instructed weekly in shooting and sapper work.

The Soviet documents express confidence that the carrying out of their instructions would give enormous results in preparing thousands of new propagandists and future leaders of military forces of the Communist Party, and faithful fighters during the social revolution.

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PROPOSED POLAR FLIGHT.

FIRST DIRIGIBLE TESTS SATISFACTORY.

LAKE HURST, New Jersey, Dec. 19th.

Commander McCrary, of the dirigible *Shenandoah*, says that the first series of tests in connection with the proposed flight to the North Pole was satisfactory.

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EARLIER CABLES.

THE MEXICAN UPHEAVAL.

REBELS LOSE HEAVILY.

VERA CRUZ, December 19th.

The newspapers report that General Huerta has communicated with the Federalist General Martinez with regard to an armistice. It is stated that the Obregonists have lost a hundred men in an unsuccessful sally against the revolutionaries at San Marcos. The Federal troops report that the Rebel forces attacking Italla Hermosa lost heavily in the most sanguinary fighting of the present revolution.

New Orleans, December 19th.

The Mexican Consul says the Rebels yesterday took over Merida, the capital of Yucatan.

BIG WATERWAY SCHEME.

GREAT LAKES TO GULF OF MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, December 19th.

The Senate has passed a resolution authorising a joint committee of the two Houses to investigate the feasibility of establishing a channel from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, via the Mississippi.

U.S. PRESIDENCY.

HENRY FORD NOT A CANDIDATE.

DETROIT, December 19th.

Mr. Henry Ford has declared that, like the great majority of American people, he felt the country safe with Mr. Coolidge and he would never consider running as a Presidential candidate against Mr. Coolidge on any ticket.

ATLANTIC FREIGHTS.

RATES TO BE ADVANCED.

New York, December 19th.

Steamship lines here confirm the report that freight rates from North Atlantic ports on this side to the United Kingdom will be advanced 20 to 25 per cent. about the beginning of next March.

BRITISH GOLFERS' TOUR.

New York, December 19th.

The British golfers Havers and Ocken have arrived on a four months' tour.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH RAUTER'S AGENCY.]

JAPAN RESTORATION BUDGET.

HEAVY REDUCTION FORCED BY SEITUKAI.

Tokyo, December 19th.

The Seitukai Majority Party has introduced a bill reducing the restoration budget by Yen 140,000,000, which the Premier this afternoon announced the Government will accept "in view of the urgent nature of the restoration programme and in order that there may be no delay in proceeding with the work."

Earlier in the day well informed people predicted a dissolution, owing to the Seitukai's demonstration of power in forcing a heavy reduction in Government figures, but it is now expected that the restoration budget will pass as amended.

The diet is now debating.

[BY COURTESY OF "THE DAILY BULLETIN."]

GOLD FRANK ISSUE.

SENATE DISAPPOINTED.

PEKING, December 19th.

The Senate met this afternoon in expectation of hearing a statement from Ministers on the subject of the gold franc issue, but the Senators were disappointed by the failure of any Minister to attend.

Instead, a note was presented from the Cabinet stating that as Dr. Wellington Koo had already attended the Senate and explained the present situation as regards the payment of the French share of the Boxer Indemnity, there was no necessity to again attend and speak on the same subject, which was still under consideration by the Government, and that as soon as a decision was reached this would be reported to the Senate.

Upon receipt of this message, the members became excited, and they decided to return the message to the Cabinet, accompanied by a note setting forth that the Ministers' failure to attend was a violation of the Constitution.

It was further decided to meet again on Monday, when the Ministers are again requested to attend.

REPORTED STATEMENT REPUDIATED.

The gold franc issue is still the dominating theme in local politics.

The Senate, failing to obtain the presence of the Ministers in the House to explain the situation, issued a circular telegram repudiating the reported settlement with the French Legation, and denouncing the Government in most bitter terms for yielding in the matter.

The Government, last night, issued a long circular telegram stating that the Government had not made a settlement, again affirming its intention not to accede to the French demands, and concluding with the pronouncement that orders had been given to arrest those disseminating false reports in this matter.

BANDITS IN SHANTUNG.

PEKING, December 19th.

The Tuli of Shantung, in the course of a long telegram to the Government, reports successful operations against the bandits within the province, resulting in the release of a number of captives and the killing and capture of many brigands during these operations.

JAPAN RESTORATION ESTIMATES.

Tokyo, December 19th.

The political parties today held separate meetings, and decided the attitudes of their respective parties towards the restoration estimates.

The Seitukai majority party resolved to demand to-morrow in the Diet session a reduction of more than Yen 100,000,000, while the Kemseikai decided to approve of the present estimates.

INSURANCE PROPOSALS SHELVED.

It is believed that the Government's fire insurance proposals will be shelved owing to the lack of time for discussion during the present special session.

GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS REDUCTION PROPOSALS.

LATER.

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CANTON CUSTOMS QUESTION.

THE EXPIRATION OF THE "ULTIMATUM."

The *Canton Gazette* of yesterday says:

"Yesterday (the 19th inst.) was the date of the expiration of the two weeks allowed the foreign Powers to make a reply to the request of the Southern Government with respect to the demand for the retention of the Customs surplus which rightfully belongs to the South. Consequently, we understand, an order, couched in language most fitting, was sent in to Mr. Parr, the Commissioner of Customs, to be forwarded to Sir Francis Aglen, the Inspector-General of Customs at Peking, for the return to the Southern Government of its proportionate share of the Customs surplus."

Nothing sensational appears to have happened. Certain people are to hold another "grand demonstration" to show their determination to back up the Government. Our Canton contemporary says that the following organizations have registered their names as ready to participate in the coming demonstration: The Kwangtung Educational Association, The Canton Students' Alliance, The Higher Normal College of Kwangtung, The Women's Council of Canton, The Youths' Society, The Man' Kum Union, The Agricultural College, The New Students' Society, The Luen Yee Club, The Federation of Labour Unions of Kwangtung, The Society of Canton-Kowloon Railway Workers, The Masons' and Carpenters' Union, The Chinese Engineers' Institute, The Chinese Seamen's Union, the Kuomintang members in Kwangtung, and the Labour Unions in Heungshan, Fatsan, Sunwei, Tai-leung and Taiping. The demonstration is expected to be joined by other organizations. Tso Ying-pak, M.P., a well-known labour leader, is an active worker in the cause.

ANOTHER "GRAND DEMONSTRATION" TO BE HELD.

A "WARNING" TO FOREIGN WARSHIPS.

The *Canton Gazette* quite seriously reports that the Commander of the Boca Tigris Forts, has sent in a petition to the Generalissimo to the effect that if foreign men-of-war fail to notify the Government with respect to their entry into and exit from Canton harbour, he will take up preventive measures.

Owing to the high pitch of public excitement in Canton, dealers in foreign goods are at loss with regard to placing orders for new stocks, according to the *Kwok Wa Po*. It is said that an anti-foreign campaign may be started by the people of Canton, if the Customs surplus question is not settled amicably. The Association of Chambers of Commerce of Kwangtung has convened a conference of the leading merchants in Canton to discuss the Customs question.

THE RECENT LANDING OF MARINES.

The following account, which purports to have been sent from Hongkong on December 19th, has been published in the *Far Eastern Times* (Peking):—

"Passengers arriving here from Canton give an amusing account of an international faux pas which was committed unwittingly by the navies of five Powers at present anchored off Shameen. Two days ago, so these passengers relate, marine detachments from five different destroyers and gunboats composing a joint landing party, came ashore heavily armed and marched along the Shamshien Bridge, connecting Shameen with the mainland. Naturally many of the Chinese fled when they saw this column of foreigners approaching, while others, particularly those belonging to the merchant class, whose shops and godowns had been recently looted by Dr. Sun Yat-sen's troops, cheered.

"The column halted in the narrow plaza in front of the gray stone Customs House fronting on the Bund and a colloquy between the commanding officers took place regarding the proper disposition of the troops, each country struggling to have the honour of protecting the most important entrance on the East Side which gives direct entrance to the money vaults. Somewhat later an agreement was reached and the troops were told off to their respective stations. In which the air expresses will be housed. Border warehouses and Customs sheds are to be erected, the present accommodation being already insufficient for dealing with the air-borne goods traffic. So great has this traffic become that each of the big Napier D.H. 24 air freighters makes the journey to and from the Continent, every day. Sundays included, fully laden with freight, consisting chiefly of motor-cycles, tobacco, and woolen goods.

A new hotel for air travellers is to be erected, and separate platforms will be built for the arrival and departure of passenger air liners from and to different parts of the Continent. It is anticipated that factories and warehouses will be erected in the vicinity of the air station, so that advantages may be taken of the rapid transport facilities provided.

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M.C.L. FANCY DRESS BALL.

SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION AT THE CITY HALL LAST NIGHT.

A fancy-dress ball, organised by the Naval and Dockyard branch of the Ministering Children's League, was held at the City Hall last night in aid of the funds of the Ministering Children's League. The gathering was held under the patronage of H.E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs, H.E. the Naval Commander-in-Chief and Lady Leveson, and Commodore and Mrs. Grace. Lady Stubbs and a party from Government House honoured the ball with her presence, as, also, did Commodore and Mrs. Grace. H.E. the Governor and H.E. Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson were unavoidably prevented from attending. Altogether it is estimated that some 500 people were present. Most of them were in fancy-dress, and their costumes showed quite a lot of skill and originality in their design. Those who had the temerity to appear in ordinary evening attire were fined a £1 as they entered the premises.

Financially and socially the ball was a success. A considerable share of the organising work fell on Mrs. Grace and Miss Primrose Grace. Thanks are due, also, to Lieut. Jackson and to Lieut. Commander Beresford for arranging the illuminations and decorations. A feature of the illuminations was the brilliant lighting effect achieved in St. George's Hall by means of coloured footlights arranged round the wainscoting with reflectors behind and above them. The walls were covered with naval bunting, the principal colours being red and white, whilst the large picture of Queen Victoria, was draped on either side with a naval ensign. St. Andrew's Hall was treated neatly but less elaborately. At the head of the stairs leading to the Hall an illuminated model of H.M.S. *Tanquer* was displayed, whilst the stairs themselves were flanked with a profusion of pot-plants.

Dancing was much enjoyed, an orchestra of the Brunswick Studio playing an excellent selection of music. The following is the dance programme:—

1.—Fox Trot "Bebe"
2.—One Step "Leave me with a smile"
3.—Fox Trot
4.—Fox Trot "You have got to see Mama"
5.—Waltz "Tell me a story every night"
6.—Fox Trot "Nelly Kelly, I love you"
7.—Fox Trot "My Sweetie went away"
8.—Waltz "Marcheta"
9.—One Step "China Moon"
10.—Fox Trot "Dancing Fool"
11.—Fox Trot "Who's Sorry now?"
12.—Waltz "Long lost Mama"
13.—Waltz "Why should I cry over you?"
14.—Fox Trot "Gallagher and Mr. Shean"
15.—Fox Trot "Yes, We have no bananas"
16.—One Step "First, last and always"
17.—Waltz "Twelve o'clock in the morning."

ANOTHER SNATCHER ON BATTERY PATH.

IMPRISONMENT AND A WHIPPING.

Major C. Wilson, Clerk to the Magistrate, took part in the arrest of a Chinese who had snatched a silver meshed handbag valued at \$35 from a Japanese lady, on Battery Path, late on Wednesday night. Mr. Hamilton after hearing the evidence passed sentence of two months' hard labour and twelve strokes of the birch.

WORLD'S LARGEST AIR STATION AT CROYDON.

The largest air station in the world is to be established at Croydon by the Air Ministry, the scheme involving the diversion of the road and the building of a railway station at the aerodrome, electric trains to be run to Victoria and London Bridge. Hundreds of acres of farm land are to be added to the existing aerodrome. Fences and plantations of trees are to be demolished, in order to provide a clear area for several large aeroplanes to alight or take off simultaneously.

The New Barn Farm, on the eastern side of Plough Lane, Beddington, has been purchased, and it is to make way for huge steel and concrete hangars, in which the air expresses will be housed. Border warehouses and Customs sheds are to be erected, the present accommodation being already insufficient for dealing with the air-borne goods traffic. So great has this traffic become that each of the big Napier D.H. 24 air freighters makes the journey to and from the Continent, every day. Sundays included, fully laden with freight, consisting chiefly of motor-cycles, tobacco, and woolen goods.

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WOMEN AND HOLY ORDERS

A public debate on the question of the admission of women to Holy Orders took place at the Church House, Westminster, on November 18th. The opponents were Miss Eileen-Turbovill and the Rev. Canon Goudge, Regius Professor, Oxford. Miss Eileen-Turbovill moved that the admission of women to Holy Orders would make for the moral and spiritual welfare of the nation. Fundamentally, she said, the Church still held the view that women were inferior to men. The moral life of a nation suffered wherever women in any way whatever were looked upon as inferior. Therefore, the Church, by its rigid exclusion of women, strengthened the double standard of morality. She believed that the admission of women to Holy Orders would not only do away with the suggestion of inferiority, but would help to build up the Church. Canon Goudge said he was going to defend the traditional view. If the Church had always denied the higher ministries to women, it was because the Church had always believed that the higher ministries were, broadly speaking, unsuited to women and that such ministries drew women away from work which was equally high and equally fruitful and far more suitable to them. The Church had always believed that, by the will of God, authority had been appropriated to men; it had not been to women. No woman, except St. Theresa, had left any permanent mark upon the thought of the Church. Moreover, men would never willingly and gladly accept the leadership of a woman. Therefore he believed that to reverse the present order would disgrace the Church of England before the whole Catholic world. The question was not put to the vote, as the debate was "for educational purposes."

THE MARRIAGE AGE

Certain of our social reformers are wont to protest that the age of marriage has been set far too late in the modern world. Our daughters seem but little impressed, and now that war conditions have ceased to disturb their purposes they are in no hurry to surrender themselves to married life. Perhaps they may be edified by the examples from the past which Dr. C. Moor has been quoting to the Society of Genealogists. The existing law of England following precisely the Roman law, makes the earliest age at which marriage can be contracted 14 for a boy and 12 for a girl. But this, as Dr. Moor points out, was no use to the Middle Ages. Lionel of Clarence, not he of the butt of Malmsey, the "false, floating, perjured" one, but the son of Edward III., was married at 3 years old. The younger of the two little Princes who were murdered in the Tower by order of Richard III. was provided with a wife when he was 4. Dr. Moor has a pleasant tale of a boy of 3 who was adorned by an apple to go to church in his uncle's arms, and was so married, though "he could scarcely speak," which seems rather backward for a 3-year-old. There was another in 1563, when James Ballard met a damsel and was by her "enticed with two apples to go to Colne Church and marry her." Apples have been dangerous to man since the days of Adam, and almost as long, tokens of love. James, the enticed one, when later he went to school, must have dispensed with peculiar fervour his "Malo me Galatena petiti" ("I rather prefer a girl"). Dr. Moor has a sixteenth-century example of a bride of 2, Joan Breverton, whom her Elizabethan father married off at that inadequate age. We might add that a century later Mr. Evelyn was present at the marriage of "Lord Arlington's only daughter (a sweet child, if ever there was any) to the Duke of Grafton," the bride being 4 and the bridegroom 2. Mr. Evelyn "took no great joy at the thing for many reasons." The Archbishop of Canterbury performed the ceremony. Seven years later the Bishop of Rochester did it all over again, and again Mr. Evelyn attended, though he "plainly told" the bride's mother he could "give her little joy of it." Common sense and common feeling were then revolting from the old custom. Dr. Moor ascribes its prevalence to the feudal system, with the rights of wardship, and as a consequence the sale of the marriage of heiresses to the highest bidder. This was no doubt a powerful contributory cause. But long before feudal times marriages had been dictated by political, commercial, and in the ancient world we find arrangements quite as unpleasant as that which shocked Mr. Evelyn. There are stern historians who will not allow us to believe in human progress. It may be that we are no more moral than the people of the dead centuries. But surely we are more sensitive and more delicate. — Daily Telegraph.

FASHIONS IN DEFORMITY.

The influence of fashion on the body was emphasised on November 7th by Sir Arthur Keith, speaking at the Suffolk-street Galleries to the members of the After-Dinner Club on "Fashionable Deformities." The tendency of hair fashions, he said, seemed to show that in another century women's heads would be shaved and men would wear curls. That fashion already existed in many parts of Africa. In the Caucasus there existed four or five thousand years ago a fashion which caused women to bind the heads of their daughters tightly, the idea being that men did not like intellectual women. That custom seemed to have prevailed, for even to-day women did not like to show their foreheads. Other customs which Sir Arthur enumerated were those of piercing the lips and ears and tattooing the skin. In some parts of Africa there were different fashions in teeth, which were either blackened or cut to varying shapes. Fashion was an arbitrary medium, which caused us to do extraordinary things to our bodies, which we spent the next forty years in regretting.

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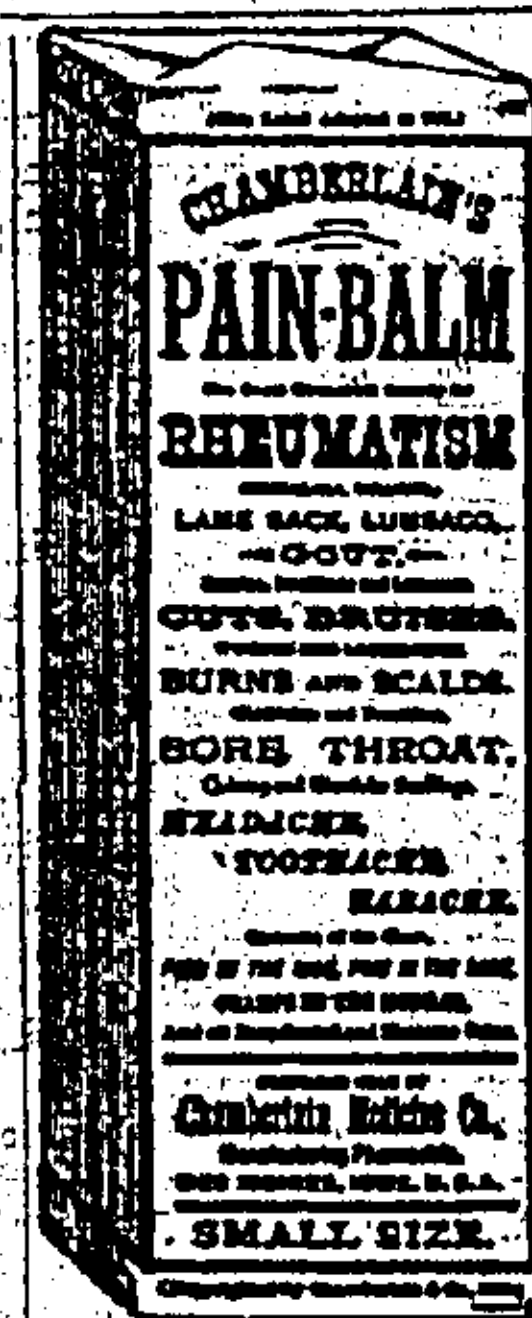
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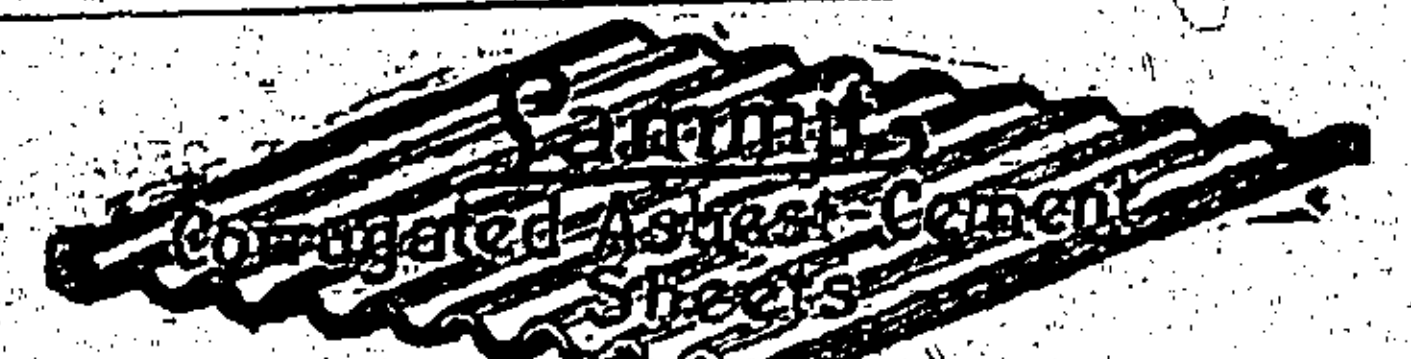


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EDINBURGH, November 14th.
As was expected, Heriot's F.P.'s were hard put to it before they got the better of Stewart's F.P.'s and might possibly have had their wonderful record smirched had one of the College forwards not come under the ban of the referee (Mr. A. W. Angus) and been ordered off the field. Prior to this unfortunate occurrence, penalty kicks had been far too frequent. The contest was scrappy to a degree, but did not appear to be unduly rough. Heriot's are to be warmly congratulated on winning through with no fewer than seven of their strongest players absent, a fact which once more eloquently testifies to the richness of their reserves. They expect, however, to field something like their full strength against the Glasgow Academicals—Heriot's 8, Stewart's 3. Kelvin-side were swamped by Glasgow Academicals—64 to 0. Glasgow University lost for the first time, but although the High School ultimately did not go under without a game struggle, and had their attack as determined as they defended might not have been so many points in arrears at the close, and indeed they gave a better display than the score indicates. Watsonians had little difficulty in triumphing over Edinburgh University—27 to 8. Little good play was seen between Wanderers and Hawick, the latter winning by 3 to 0, thanks largely to their forward play. Other scores were: Inverness 5, West 8; Hillhead 8, R.H.S. 3; Gala 3, Selkirk 0.

In the School Championship, both Fettes and Edinburgh Academy beat Glenalmond; and Loretto defeated Fettes.

The third match between the students of Edinburgh and Glasgow, proved most interesting, but the Glasgow students won, as they deserved to do, by 11 points to 3. The foundation of the victory was laid by the forwards, who played a particularly fine game, and were far ahead of the Edinburgh team both in tactics and control of the ball. Some of their rushes were thoroughly effective, and had the defence been less sound the score would have been very much larger than it was.

RANGERS WELL ESTABLISHED.
Nothing startling, or even surprising, happened in connection with the Scottish League results. The Rangers were again victorious, and consolidated their position at the head of the first division table, for while Raith Rovers, the Aldrieonians, the Celtic, and Dundee were among the winners, Motherwell, Partick Thistle, and Kilmarnock were defeated. Rangers had more difficulty in disposing of Third Lanark than was generally anticipated, and their margin of victory was only a couple of goals. The Third Lanarkians showed improved form, and deserved their two goals victory over Motherwell. Raith Rovers are also doing well, and defeated Falkirk by 3 to 0. Partick Thistle encountered a further reverse at Aberdeen, and the loss of six points in three successive games has placed the Firhill Club for the time being out of the running. Hamilton Academicals opened well, but Celtic were the stronger company, winning by 3 to 2. The Edinburgh Club recovered some of their lost ground, Hearts defeating Kilmarnock rather easily and Hibs dividing the points at Ayr. The Paisley Club scored the only goal of a keen game with Queen's Park. Another fine display by their forwards, supported by capable half-backs, gave Dundee a comfortable victory over Clydebank. Halliday, the centre forward again scoring three goals.

The League table shows Rangers with 13 played and 23 points; Airdrie, 14 and 16; Raith Rovers, 13 and 18; and Celtic, 14 and 18. Then follow Partick Thistle, Dundee, Motherwell, and Kilmarnock.

A WONDERFUL VETERAN GOLFER.

The best age of the golfer is a well-exercised subject. Discussions have flared upon thirty or thereby as the time of life when the player should be at his zenith, but the case of Sandy Herd suggests that the prime of a first-class player's career may be an elastic term. In this, of course, argument is transferred from the general consideration to the exceptional instance. Herd was better than any of his famous contemporaries, and he reminded us the other day by his performance in the Hertfordshire inter-club bogey tournament at Oxhey. With Mr. J. L. Scott, who belongs to Paisley, he represented the Moor Park Club. Between them they appear to have humbled Bogey in very emphatic fashion, and won against sides that, among others, included Ted Ray, who was on his home course, and Harry Vardon. Since the war, which marked the turning point for the veterans, Herd's play has been remarkable. At Deal three years ago, when George Duncan won the Championship with one of the most brilliant sports in history, Herd was within an ace of success, and it was only a late 7 in his final round that settled his chance. When Jock Hutchison won at St. Andrews two years ago, and Herd was again well to the fore, a last round of 60 taking the edge off three very good ones, and he member of the Royal and Ancient Club told him—"Your golf to-day is better than ever, and I have seen you play many score of times." That sounded like flattery, and to most men who had left the fifty years' mark behind it would have had rather an empty ring, but it actually accords, and therein is the remarkable feature of Herd's golf, with his own personal estimate, which he again expressed at Oxhey the other day. Herd is convinced that he is at any rate playing as well as at any time in his life. Yet, he will be fifty-six next spring.

The cowardly kicking of a brave enemy who is for the time being down and out is not a policy which commands itself to any section of Englishmen.—Dean Inge.

The Prince of Wales, in proposing the toast of the Dominion and Indian Representatives, at the Imperial Conference, who were entertained to dinner by the Overseas League on November 6th, emphasized the value of travel particularly to students, journalists, writers, teachers, and all who were distributors of ideas and information to the public of Great Britain.

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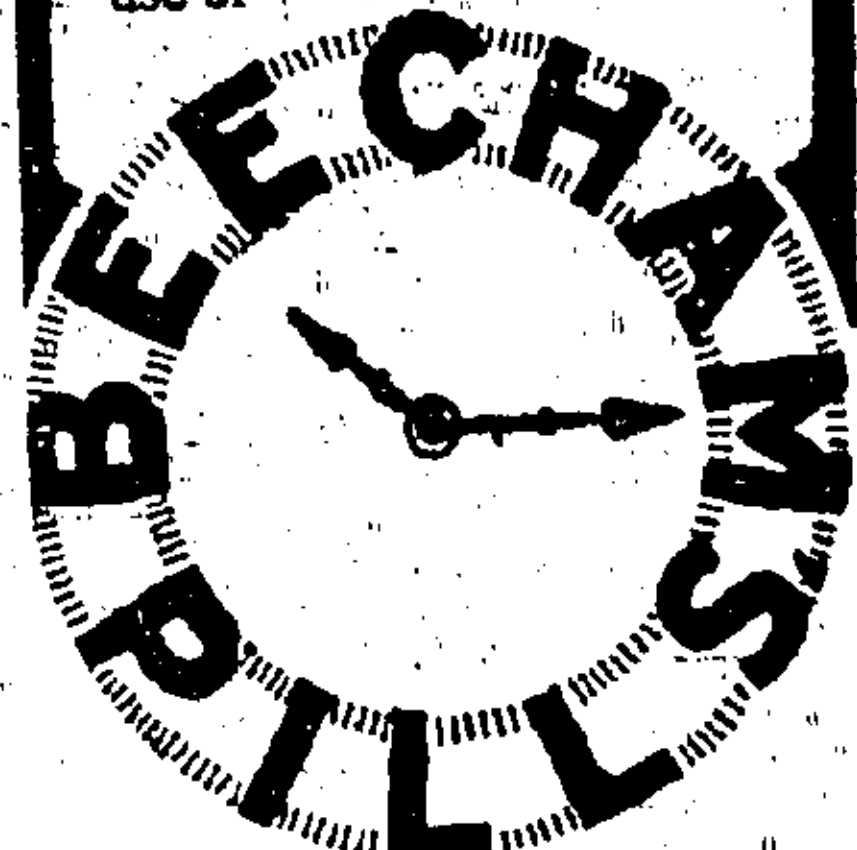
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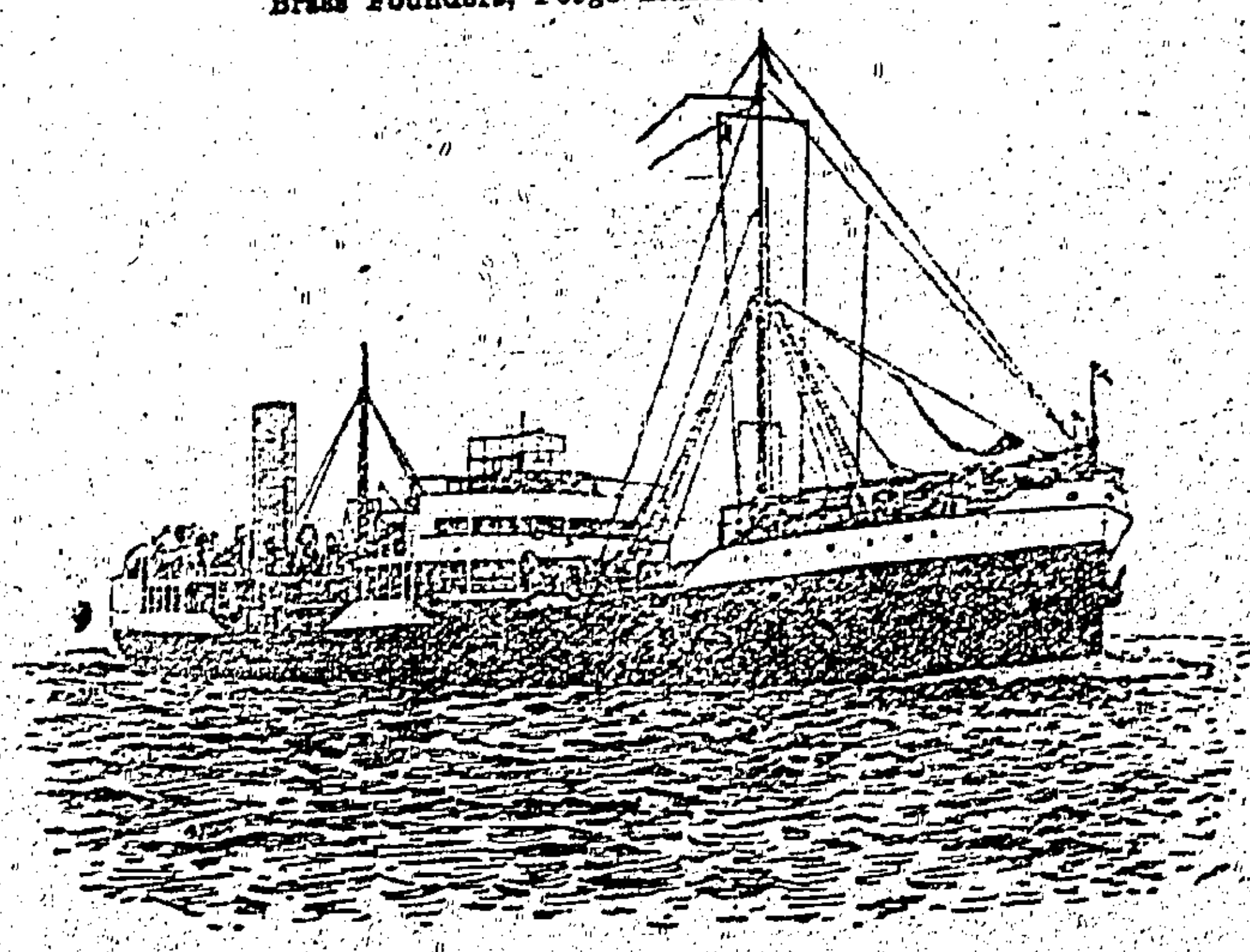
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Les Filles, French str., 394 tons, Capt. B. Edmond, from Huiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C36.—Kai Yue.

Zhangzhou, British str., 1,230 tons, Capt. Wm. Macdonald, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

St. N. Dufur, British str., 6,019 tons, Capt. J. Tasker, from Boston and Shanghai; the latter port she left on December 17th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's wharf.—Robert Dollar & Co.

Socheon, British str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. B9.

Zingang, British str., 1,283 tons, Capt. Wm. P. Baker, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33.—J. M. & Co.

Zei Maru, Japanese str., from Canton, lying at Stonecutters.

CLEARANCES.

December 20th.
Hydrunga, for Swatow.
Kayung, for Amoy.

Take Gien, for Singapore.
Tienachow, for Canton.

Posie, for Macao.
Narristan, for Singapore.

Solomon, for Saigon.
Wachow, for Swatow.

Van Overstien, for Singapore.
Wong, for Swatow.

Tahito Maru, for Talley.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia*, from Hongkong on November 29th, arrived at Vancouver, on December 17th.

The S.S. *Calchus* (Blue Funnel Line), for Boston and New York, left Shanghai on the 20th inst. for this port, and is due here on the 23rd inst., and will be despatched the same day, p.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Agapenor (Blue Funnel), due Jan. 17th.

Andros (M.M.), due January 3rd.

Autolycus (Blue Funnel), due to-day.

City of Spokane (Admiral Oriental), due Dec. 22nd.

Cordillera (M.M.), due January 17th.

Elton (Barber Line), due Jan. 13th.

Hyson (Blue Funnel), due Dec. 26th.

Ision (Blue Funnel), due January 13th.

Laomedon (Blue Funnel), due Dec. 23rd.

Lycion (Blue Funnel), due Dec. 27th.

Mentor (Blue Funnel), due January 8th.

Ferria Maru (T.K.K.), due Dec. 24th.

President Jefferson (Admiral Oriental), due Dec. 22nd.

Tango Maru (T.K.K.), due Dec. 29th.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE

From December 21st to 27th, 1923.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Days of Week. Days of Month. H'kong Standard Time. Height. H'kong Standard Time. Height.

Fri. 21. 8 55 4 7. 2 44 2 2.

Satur. 22. 8 34 4 7. 1 47 8 3.

Sun. 23. 8 14 4 7. 3 20 1 8.

Mon. 24. 8 55 4 7. 2 51 3 4.

Tues. 25. 9 35 4 7. 2 30 3 5.

Wed. 26. 10 14 4 7. 5 11 1 1.

Thurs. 27. 11 4 4 7. 6 23 1 3.

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 K. Yamada Hotel, c/o Wada. Kobe.
 Wanchai. Kobe.
 J. Button, Hongkong Club. Shanghai.
 Yimyip, Chungching Street. Tientsin.
 Westpoint. Tientsin.
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ADDRESSES. FROM.

12154/18th Hancock, care. Shanghai.

11142/18th Intaiart. Calcutta.

WEATHER REPORT.

December 20th at 12.35.—Pressure has decreased slightly along the coast of China, over N. Luzon and at Yap.

Moderate monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, 20th December, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 108.51 inches, against an average of 82.71 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, Dec. 21st is as follows:—

District. Forecast.

Formosa Channel. N.E. winds, moderate; fine.

Hongkong to Gap Rock. do.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock. do.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 20th.

Barometer. 30.09. 30.06. 29.98.

Temperature. 67. 64. 71.

Humidity. 60. 52. 70.

Wind Direction. E. E. E.

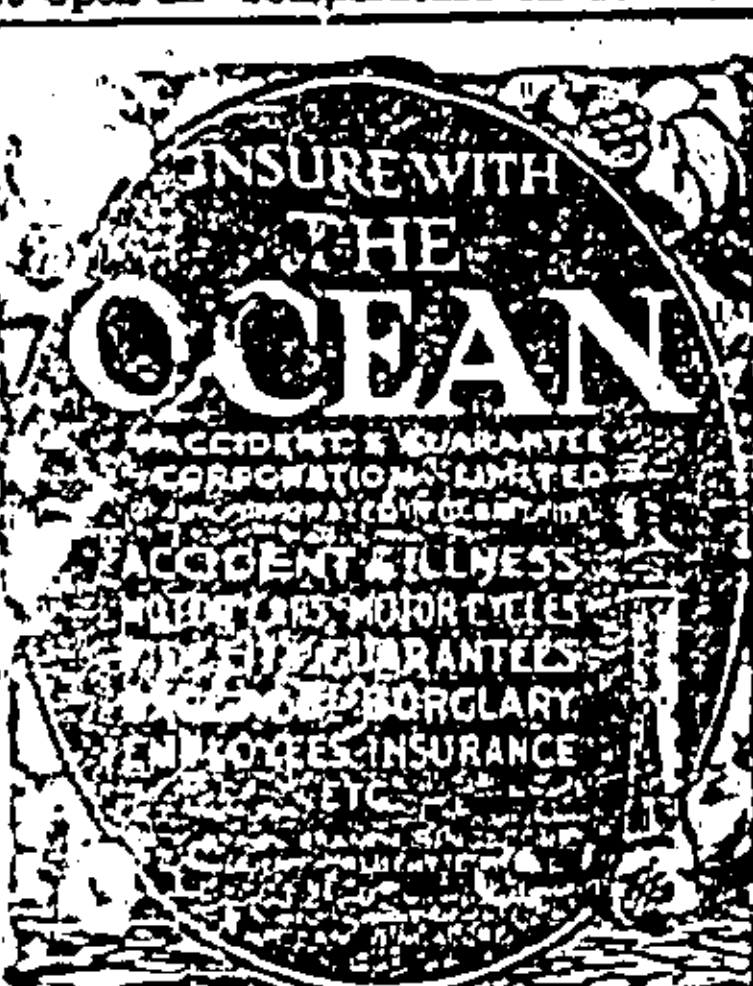
Force. 4. 3. 2.

Weather. C. C. C.

Rain. 0.00. 0.00. 0.00.

Highest open-air Temperature on 19th. 67.

Lowest open-air Temperature on 20th. 64.



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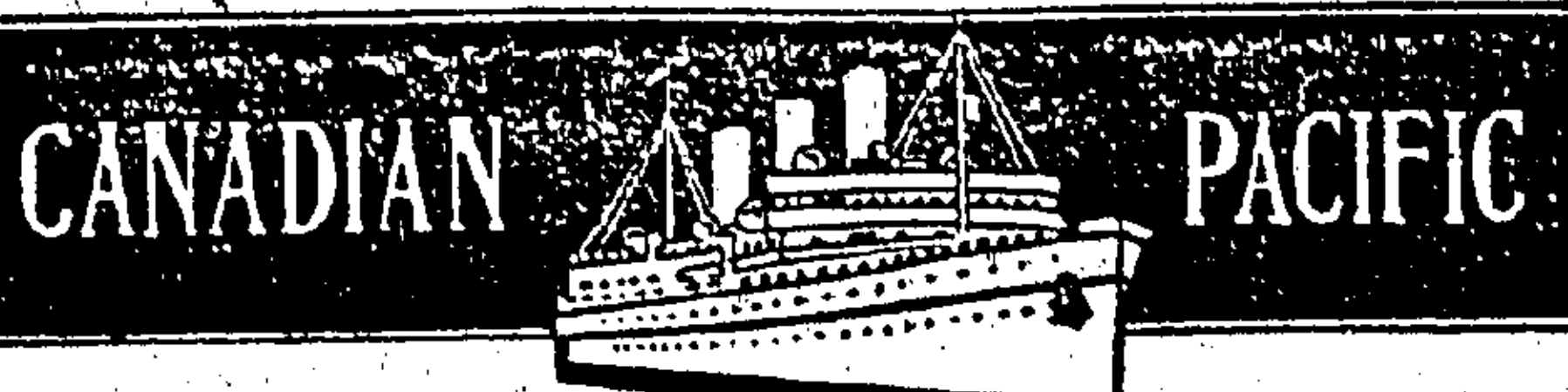
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KOREA MARU (calling at Manila) 20,000 tons, Jan. 17th, 1924.

SHINYO MARU (calling at Manila) 23,000 tons, Feb. 1st, 1924.

HIBERIA MARU (calling at Dairen) 20,000 tons, Feb. 16th, 1924.

HONGKONG TO VALPARAISO.

VIA JAPAN, HONOLULU, HILO, SAN FRANCISCO.

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RAKUYO MARU 18,500 tons. January 15th.

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CEYLON MARU ... Sunday, 23rd Dec.

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"SICILIA"	8,813	19th Jan. Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MACEDONIA"	11,058	26th Jan. B'way, Mars, London & Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	9th Feb. W'ay, L'lon & A'w'wp.
"SOUDAN"	8,666	13th Feb. Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOREA"	10,911	23rd Feb. B'way, Mars, London & Antwerp.
"KARMALA"	9,088	8th March Mars, London & Antwerp.
"NALDERA"	15,993	22nd March B'way, Mars, L'lon & A'w'wp.
"SICILIA"	8,813	28th March Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KHIVA"	8,014	5th April Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"CHINA"	7,882	18th April Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"SOUDAN"	8,666	2nd May Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	8,118	17th May do.
"KASHMIR"	8,060	31st May do.
"KHIVA"	9,097	14th June do.

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"TAKADA"	8,949	27th Dec. Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TORILIA"	5,205	22nd Jan. do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th Jan. Manila, Thursday Island, Cairns.
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"TORILIA"	5,205	29th Dec. do.
"SICILIA"	8,813	5th Jan. Shanghai.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th Jan. Moji & Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	12th Jan. Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,088	25th Jan. do.
"SOUDAN"	8,666	1st Feb. Shanghai.
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Feb. Moji & Kobe.
"NALDERA"	15,993	9th Feb. Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	8,813	23rd Feb. do.
"KHIVA"	8,014	5th Mar. do.
"CHINA"	7,882	18th Mar. Shanghai.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th Mar. Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	8,813	13th Mar. Shanghai.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	27th Mar. Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,060	4th Apr. do.
"SOUDAN"	8,666	9th Apr. Shanghai.

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"ALTAI MARU" Sunday, 10th Feb.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTO & BUENOS AIRES—via Saigon.

Singapore, Colombo, Durban and Capetown.

"PAZAMA MARU" Tuesday, 8th Jan.

BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.

"BURMA MARU" Saturday, 22nd Dec.

"SHUNKO MARU" Friday, 28th Dec.

"BORNEO MARU" (Calls at Penang) Friday, 4th Jan.

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"BUSHO MARU" Wednesday, 2nd Jan.

CALCUTTA via Singapore and Rangoon.

"MALAY MARU" Thursday, 10th Jan.

VICTORIA, BATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan.

"MANILA MARU" Saturday, 10th Jan.

NEW YORK via Japan Ports, San Francisco and Panama.

"HAYRE MARU" Middle of Dec. from Shanghai.

"HAMBURG MARU" Middle of Jan.

JAPAN PORTS—Moji, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama & Nagoya.

"ALTAI MARU" Tuesday, 25th Dec.

KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.

"AMAKUSA MARU" Sunday, 23rd Dec. 10 a.m.

"KANO MARU" Sunday, 30th Dec. 10 a.m.

TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.

"SOSHU MARU" Saturday, 22nd Dec. 8 a.m.

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"SOURABAYA MARU" Friday, 4th Jan.

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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SINKIANG"	On 22nd Dec. D.L.
JAWA	"TAIKOOWAN"	On 23rd Dec. 10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & FUKOW	"LIANGCHOW"	On 23rd Dec. 10 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 25th Dec. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 25th Dec. Noon.
SWATOW & AMOI	"KINGYUAN"	On 26th Dec. 10 a.m.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 26th Dec. 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG	"YUNNAN"	On 27th Dec. 10 a.m.
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"CHINHUA"	On 27th Dec. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 1st Jan. 10 a.m.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 2nd Jan. 4 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	On 5th Jan. 4 p.m.
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